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Dear Sir,

in order to make it clear that the project has received ethical approval, we modified the sentence "The project was exempt from ethical clearance according to the Italian Ministry of Health law number (ex art. 12bis D.lgs 229/99)" into the following "The project received ethical clearance as a prerequisite of approval for funding from the Italian Ministry of Health, according to the Italian Ministry of Health law number (ex art. 12bis D.lgs 229/99)."