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Dear Mr Shipley,

thank you very much for the feedback.

The article has been revised again.

The editorial team asked for an ethics or consent statement because experimental research should have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee.

Our answer: We did not operate experimental research on patients we just conducted a survey among health professionals. Upon agreement (by phone) between us and the ethics commission of the Faculty of Medicine Carl Gustav Carus of the Dresden University of Technology an ethics statement was not essential. That is why we can't provide you an ethics or consent statement in the Methods section.

We hope that the paper is now ready for publishing.

With kind regards

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(on behalf of the other authors)