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Unfortunately, this suggestion is not relevant in our case. First of all, filling in the name of the cohort study into the 'author's first name' does not work as the system demands details such as email. There is no cohort study email. Secondly, the authors listed in the manuscript are authors of the paper. They are not mere members of the study group. Thus, they have to be listed as rightful authors of the manuscript. The members of the study group and the wider collaborators have already been listed in the acknowledgment section.

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Yours,

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