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Dear Ladies and Sirs!

I revised my manuscript and did the following changes:

1. I deleted the heading "trial status" from the abstract.
2. I changed the authors in the manuscript according to the journal style.
3. I wrote the authors’ contributions in a paragraph.
4. I included the table in the manuscript after the references.

In my view, the additional files do not have to be part of the manuscript. Most of them like the approval of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft or the validation of our eCRF were just to prove that these documents exist. Including them into the manuscript would make it less readable.

Hence, I removed the additional files from the system. If you should disagree and think them to be incorporated into the manuscript, please let me know. In that case, I will include them into the text as described in your mail.

With best wishes

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