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As requested, the following section (highlighted in yellow) was added to the manuscript, at the end of the Methods/Design section:

Ethical Approval

As this project does not involve experiments with patients or study subjects, according to the Dutch Medical Research in Human Subjects Act (WMO), it is exempt from ethical approval in The Netherlands. No ethical approval is required in other countries from which other patients were invited to take part in the Delphi (i.e. United States, Italy). All patients involved were asked for their consent before participation in the Delphi, and all procedures were conducted according to the Declaration of Helsinki.