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Dear Dr. O’Donovan,

Thank you again for the opportunity to further revise our manuscript. We will answer point to point to your comments as requested:

Comments on the revised manuscript:

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Yes, it is corrected that our manuscript adhered to the STROBE guidelines. We have included this fact as highlighted.

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Yes, of course study was approved by the local ethics committee. We have mentioned it in the manuscript as highlighted.

3. Authors’ contributions:

Please include an Authors’ contributions section before the Acknowledgements and Reference list. For the Authors’ contributions we suggest the following kind of format (please use initials to refer to each author’s contribution): AB carried out the molecular genetic studies, participated in the sequence alignment and drafted the manuscript. JY carried out the immunoassays. MT participated in the sequence alignment. ES participated in the design of the study and performed the statistical analysis. FG conceived of the study, and participated in its design and coordination. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

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4. Acknowledgements:

Thank you for this comment. We have included this section.

5. Figure Legend:

Please include a figure legend for Figure 4.

There are only 3 figures and 1 table. Therefore no legend is missing.

We want to thank the reviewer and the editorial team explicitly for the kind revision of the manuscript. We hope you may consider our data in the revised format valid for publishing in your journal. Do not hesitate to contact us, if there are further questions.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Verena Wiegering