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Dear editors

Thank you for this opportunity to revise our manuscript.

In the section 'Funding', please also describe the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

- The funding body took no part in the design of the study, or the collection, analysis and interpretation of data, or in the writing of the manuscript. The role of the funding body has now been described in the Funding section.

Many thanks for confirming in the section 'Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate', that the informed consent obtained was verbal. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

- From previous experience, we knew that for patients treated for acute poisoning by substances of abuse the signing of a consent form often turned out to be a practical problem, even when the patient had understood the information given and consented to inclusion in the study. As the study was solely observational, and no interventions were made, we considered verbal consent sufficient. The ethics committee approved this procedure. We have added a statement on this to the Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate section.
On behalf of the authors

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