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Dear Dr Morawska

Please find point-by-point responses to your questions about the manuscript entitled:

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Point 1: I forwarded copies of all ethical approval and funding approval and sent as email attachments to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com and I provided translated versions of the relevant parts of ethical approval.

Point 2: The study is externally funded by public funding (105 750 euros, 52%), and private funding (97 500 euros, 48%). I am the only author who received private funding for my PhD (20 000 euros) by a private medical insurance (‘le Groupe Pasteur mutualité’). I have amended this in the competing interests section. The others authors did not receive any funding and I describe the fundings in more detail in fundings section now.

Point 3: The data collection is completed and we just started analysing the data.

Point 4: I confirm that no results of this study have been published anywhere.

If you have further questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the authors

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