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Dear Prof. Hamers,

We would like to thank you for accepting our manuscript for publication. We have responded to all comments. Please find below our point-by-point response.

We are looking forward to the publication of the manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

on behalf of all authors

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<td>#1 Are the names of the ethics committees on line 173 the exact names? Did the approval given by these committees cover all participating centers? In addition, please clarify whether informed consent was sought or required from the directors/managers completing the questionnaires.</td>
<td>We have inserted the exact official names of the ethics committees: 1) ethics committee of the Canton of St.Gallen 2) ethics committee for research of the Canton of Fribourg (lines 173-174). The approval covered all participating centers. We have specified this point in lines 174-175. According to the ethics committees, no additional informed consent was required from the nursing home directors completing the questionnaires. We have inserted this point in lines 177-179.</td>
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<td>#2 As minor points, please combine the funding details with the Acknowledgements section.</td>
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