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Authors response:

1. We have now completed the section "Ethics approval" with the text: The study was approved by the Regional Ethical Review Board in Gothenburg (Registration number: 934-13). Declaration of Helsinki ethical principles were followed [42]. Confidentiality was ensured by collecting data where identifiers were not linked to the data. Documentation of signs as well as clinical characteristics was collected through a review of patient electronic records. Identifiers were replaced by using a serial code list. Only data without identifiers were transferred to the protocols. The code list was kept separate from the protocols. Access to information about individual patients was restricted to the researcher.

2. We have followed the comments.
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Best Regards

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