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1. Our policy has recently been updated and we now require a declarations section. Please include a Declaration section at the end of the manuscript, which should include all the information as detailed in our Instructions for Authors

   - As desired a declaration section with the information as detailed in your Instructions for Authors has been included at the end of the manuscript.

2. Leipzig has been added as a centre for the study but not included as having ethics approval, please clarify and include a statement in the manuscript.

   - Sorry for that! We have included the ethics approval for Leipzig in the declaration section.

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   - The point by point reply has been removed from the supplementary files.

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Thank you very much.

With kind regards

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