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Response to “Editor Comments”

Thank you for editing your manuscript according to our requests. However, there remain some concerns which need to be addressed before we can provisionally accept the manuscript for publication.

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Response
Informed consent was obtained in the form of opt-out on the web-site. Those who rejected were excluded. We added those sentences (p. 16, line 3-4)

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Response

We changed to “Not applicable”.

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Response

We have done all described above.