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Response 1: Thank you for this remark. We adjusted this statement accordingly (page 13 lines 23-25): “Ethical approval was obtained from the local ethics committee at the University of Luebeck (17-354A9). The need for consent was waived by the ethics committee.”

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Response 2: Thank you for this comment. We also adjusted this statement accordingly (page 14 lines 12-16): “The study was supported by a junior research grant from the University of Luebeck, Germany, to MCH. The funding comprised financial support to MCH. University of Luebeck as funding body had no impact on study design, collection/analysis/interpretation of data or writing the manuscript.”
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