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Dear Dr. Silvestre,

Thank you for your email of today. The present study did not require ethics committee approval due to the methods applied to recruit the interview participants i.e. no personal data, other than participants’ volunteered statements, was collected; and their anonymity was safeguarded throughout. In principle, this corresponds to a market research approach.

I have tried to make this clearer with the following phrases, end of first paragraph, pp.7.: "No personal information was collected about the participants except from what they chose to volunteer during the interviews. The participants were assured of their full anonymity and all gave oral consent prior to commencing the interviews. As such, the study did not require ethics committee approval in any of the countries”.

We hope that this meets your request. Do get back to us if you should have any more questions or comments.

Kind regards

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