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Dear Editor,

Please see below for our response to the additional editorial request for our manuscript, National data quality standards for population-based birth defects surveillance programs in the United States (MS 4715416081581862).

a) Ethics statement: Research involving human subjects (including human material or human data) that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

RESPONSE: Our work did not involve research with human subjects, so this statement does not apply to our paper.

b) Please include the email address of all the authors in the title page.

RESPONSE: We have added the following information to the title page of the paper:
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