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Response to editorial comment:

Please revise your methods statement to clarify whether ethical approval was require for the use of data in this study. If ethical approval was not required, this should be clearly stated.

We added a sentence at the end of the Methods part:

“A decree dated 20th June 2005 gives to accredited InVS staff access to anonymized individual PSB data. This decree was issued after receiving a positive opinion from the French Data Protection Agency (CNIL). The author, who did the extraction and analysis, is accredited for PSB database access.”