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Answer to Editor

1. Please clarify whether the bodies mentioned in the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' section act as ethics committees

The bodies mentioned are not competent as ethic committees. This point has been clarified as it follows in the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' section.

“By the time the study was performed, there was no ethical committee in NC. Thus, the following educational and sanitary competent authorities have been seized to give their approval to the protocol of the study and they were informed of the results: the Evangelical Alliance for School Education (ASEE) ; the Protestant federation for education (FELP) ; the Diocesan Directorate for Catholic Education (DDEC) ; the New Caledonian Vice Rectory ; the Directorate for community actions and health in Islands (DACAS) ; the Directorate for health and social affairs and of social problems in northern province (DASSPS Nord) ; the Directorate for sanitary and social action of southern province (DPASS-Sud) ; the Sanitary and Social Agency of New Caledonia (ASSNC) ; the Directorate of health and social affairs of New Caledonia (DASSNC).”

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