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Dear Victora,

Many thanks for your email. Please find attached an updated manuscript with the following changes:

1) The 'Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate' statement has been updated to state that the Dulwich ethics committee approved the current study, including the approval to extract anonymised data unless an informed dissent code was present on their personal medical records, and the requirement to obtain consent from responders and non-responders to the original study for the use of their anonymised data was waived.
2) The 'Funding' section has been updated to include a statement that the funding body had no involvement in the design, collection of data, analysis of data, writing of the manuscript or the decision to submit the manuscript for publication.

3) The 'Authors' contributions' section has been updated to make it explicit that all authors were involved in the development of the current study, and critically revised and approved the manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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