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Dear Editor,

As requested, we clarified the part concerning ethics in our manuscript. We added a statement on the consent procedure and on the ethics committee. You can find it on page 4 of the manuscript, in the "declarations" section and "ethics approval and consent to participate" sub-section.

We replaced: "GrippeNet.fr was reviewed and approved by the French Advisory Committee for research on information treatment in the field of health (i.e. CCTIRS, authorization 11.565), and
by the French National Commission on Informatics and Liberty (i.e. CNIL, authorization DR-2012-024)."

by: "The consent procedure is implemented through the voluntary and anonymous registration of participants on a dedicated website: https://www.grippenet.fr. Only an email address is required to participate. Information on confidentiality and data security as well as ethics approval are publicly available on the GrippeNet.fr website (https://www.grippenet.fr/fr/grippenet/confidentialite-et-securite-des-donnees/). Even though ethics approval is not required by the French law for epidemiological data collection in the setting of non-interventional biomedical research, GrippeNet.fr was reviewed and approved by the French Advisory Committee for research on information treatment in the field of health (i.e. CCTIRS, authorization 11.565), and by the French National Commission on Informatics and Liberty (i.e. CNIL, authorization DR-2012-024)."

We hope to have clearly answered to your comments and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Sincerely yours,

Caroline Guerrisi