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Reply: We have clarified this in the manuscript as follow: "The need for individual informed consent was waived. The study was advertised in the major newspapers where a possibility to opt-out was offered. This is a principle used in Sweden for population-wide studies using coded register data".