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- Thank you for directing us to your ethics statement to clarify the opt out approach to consent. However, we kindly ask that you provide a link to the relevant legislation in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section. This is in order to align with BMC Editorial policies and allow the progression of your manuscript.

Reply: Our study is based on non-identifiable register data and in Sweden, the ethics board can waive the requirement to individual informed consent, and will often do so if the research is supported by the committee and the data has already been collected in some other context and does not require new contacts with the subjects.

Action: We have added a link to the Swedish Research Council webpage where this is explained.