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Dear Afsaneh Khetrapal

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We performed the requested changes of the declaration sections and replaced the old declarations by the new declaration section
1. Ethics approval and consent to participate: As no individual patient data are used in the publication, no ethic approval and consent to participate are necessary. We have declared this in the declaration section.

2. Consent for publication: Consent for publication is given for all authors with signature.

3. Availability of data and materials: All data sources are published in open source and mentioned in the references. For the system Memem7 we know about the necessity of a working prototype and will permit limited access to the system on request.

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8. Authors’ Information: We did not use this optional section.

9. Florian Kuisle is student of physiotherapy (master thesis is delivered, but not yet confirmed) and not a medical doctor.
10. Abstract: Conclusions: .. and a third opinion. Was changed in: and a third opinion to a setoff patient’s data.

11. In the publication two minor mistakes were corrected. Page 3 comparison with. Was changed in comparison with and page 10 row 9 membro-proliferative glomerulonephritis was changed in membro-proliferative glomerulonephritis.

12. No changes in the references were performed.

13. No changes in the tables were performed.

14. No changes in the supplements were performed.

With best wishes

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