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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for this comment regarding our paper. We are very happy about the reviewer’s appraisal of the revised version of the manuscript. Finally, we were asked to report on the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Please find attached the confirmation letter of the Ethics Committee of the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg that no formal application to the Ethics Committee is mandatory for our investigation. As you will see, we included the result of this appraisal at the end of the discussion section.

We would like to thank all of the reviewers and the editor for their helpful comments and are looking forward to reading your response.