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This is exactly the case of this article. By that time, the Ministry of Education of Ecuador evaluated our research proposal prior to emitting the authorization to carry out the data collection. Since this research project complied with all national guidelines, I included such authorization in the Declarations section in the previous version of the manuscript. (Such agreement is available here: http://bit.ly/2wfUShT )

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I look forward for your response.

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