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1. Include EC approval in the text at beginning of methods.

The Ethics Committe approval had been added at the end of the first paragraph of the methids section.

2. Remove legends of figures from the text and add them at the end of the manuscript, after references

All figure legends had been replaced to the end of the manuscript.

3. Many references are still incorrect (some lack pages, some need abbreviations of journal names, some need additional authors (up to 3 or 6 t al).

All references had been revised: all authors added (up to six names), pages of journals after the number of the edition, and abbreviations of journal name (where necessary).   
  
  
  
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