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Dear editor,

Concerning your request to provide *Investigación Económica* with the data used in our article “European households’ incomes since the crisis”, jointly written with Marcella Corsi and Valeria Cirillo, I am sorry I must inform you that we cannot comply with it.

The dataset used in our analysis, the “European Union Survey on Income and Living Conditions, EU-SILC” is protected by strict confidentiality aimed at preserving the anonymity of respondents, which are a representative sample of the EU population. We obtained the dataset from Eurostat, the European Union’s statistics office, for research purposes only, and only after having signed a confidentiality agreement whereby we are not allowed to share the data with any third party.

However, we totally understand and agree with the need to make economic research more transparent and replicable, and we would like to confirm our availability to provide any reader of the journal or any other stakeholder with any information, clarification, analysis or request concerning the data they may have, provided such further information comply with Eurostat’s guidelines (namely, that in no way will it be possible to identify specific households or individuals). We are happy for you to insert a footnote in the paper and/or a note in the website clarifying these points, if you deem this relevant.

Best regards,

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