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Miss Marinette Lacson
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Dear Ms Lacson,

I am responding to your email requesting an ethics statement to our manuscript. We included the ethics statement including reference to the Helsinki Declaration in the first sentence of our Methods Section.

We now add a separate section as the second paragraph of the Methods Section that reads:

Ethical clearance and consent: This study was ethically approved by the Tufts Medical Center/Tufts University Institutional Review Board after meeting the required ethical standards. Every prospective participant was explained the purpose of the research and was requested to participate freely. A consent form containing details of the study regarding main purpose, role of participants, and benefits associated with participating in the study (if any) was given to each prospective participant. Those who agreed to participate in the study signed a written consent form. Patients who did not agree to participate in the study were not denied any services or treated with partiality.

If this is not adequate please contact me right away. Since the manuscript was submitted over one month ago I am sure you can understand my desire to get this manuscript reviewed.

We are submitting the revised manuscript.
Sincerely,

Gordon