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Dear Editor,

Thanks for the mail regarding our manuscript. In the last paragraph of Materials/Methods session, we have provided the information about the IRB approval from our institute with its reference number. Concerning the reference numbers on the figures 1-3, we have removed them accordingly.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Tsung-Jen Huang, MD

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Dear Dr Huang,

Thank you for your enquiry and I sincerely apologise for the delay in getting back
Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript. However, you have not yet confirmed on your revised manuscript whether you have the appropriate ethical approval for the study, and consent from the patients, as requested earlier on. We have therefore sent your manuscript to the editorial board for further advice. We have now received a reply from our Associate Editor who advised that a statement consent was required. Please also clarify whether you have obtained oral or written consent.

Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body that gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

Informed consent must also be documented. Manuscripts may be rejected if the editorial office considers that the research has not been carried out within an ethical framework, e.g. if the severity of the experimental procedure is not justified by the value of the knowledge gained.

We also note that although figures 1, 2 and 3 do not disclose directly names of the patients of your study, there are references which may disclose the identity of your patients. Please could you kindly remove any reference numbers from the figures.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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