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To the editor,

Some changes to the manuscript were requested before you could proceed with the peer review process.

I have made the requested changes to the manuscript. The changes were as follows:

* I have added in the method section that all ethics committees of all participating centers approved the study protocol.

* I have added in the method section that all patients provided written informed consent before the study was started.

* I have added the trial registry number below the abstract as well as in the method section.

Information on competing interests, author information and acknowledgements were provided in the previous manuscript, but I think I placed it wrong and under wrong headings. I have changed the headings, order and position (now it is directly after the conclusion and before the references) of these features.

I hope that the made changes are sufficient to progress to the peer review process.

Regards,

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