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The authors used both parametric (Paired t-tests, ANOVA) and non-parametric (chi-square and sum rank tests) tests. They should demonstrate if the distribution of the sample is normal or not. When data distribution is normal, parametric tests are allowed. Otherwise, they should perform non-parametric tests. In both situation, they should use tests for independent samples, because they are comparing two different group of patients.

Answer: Thank you very much for your professional suggestions. We have discussed and presented the statistical methods in the revised
manuscript. We have revised the manuscript according to the reviewer’s comments, and the revised portions are marked in red in the modified version.

We greatly appreciate your help in improving our manuscript. We hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication.

Thanks.

Sincerely Yours,

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