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With reference to your message on Jan 19th, we specify that:

- a statement about the approval by the Ethics Committee has been added to Methods section, even if the study does not consider an experimental treatment and then in principle a formal approval was not requested

- the article does not disclose personal data or images of patients but just anonimous aggregated data, then an explicit written consent for this study was not submitted to patients. All of them obviously signed an informed consent to surgery, as requested by the Italian law.