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Dear Editor-in-Chief

As Editor’s recommendation, we tried to clarify the answers to the questions. Below, we provide a point-by-point response to the individual critiques.

1. Waiver of Ethics approval
Please include the full name of the local ethics committee that waived the need for ethical approval in this statement and please also clarify whether this waiver covered both hospitals involved in this study.
Answer) We inserted sentence “The study protocol was reviewed by the Institutional Review Board of Chonnam National University Hwasun Hospital and Korea University Anam Hospital and they waived the need for ethical approval in both institutions.” in the Methods section

2. Acknowledgements
Please remove the information regarding data access from the Acknowledgements. Instead we would ask that you include a statement of funding and any other acknowledgements as explained in our Instructions for Authors.
Answer) We revised Acknowledgements section “None”

Thank you.

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