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1. Textual overlap

We have deleted or re-phrased some points or sentences that overlapping other previously published works with our own words. The current version has <1 % overlap with previously published papers (over all 16%).

Please see Background section, line 2 page 3;
And Discussion section, line14-30 page 6; Line 10-18 page 10.

2. Ethics approval and consent to participate

We have added the reference number for the ethics approval to the relative section. Reference number for the ethics approval: TJ-C20160106.

3. Role of funding body

We have added the “role of funding body” to the Funding Section as follow:

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4. Figures

We have erased all the information about patient’s name, date and serial numbers in all of the figures.

5.6. Remove CARE checklist and ‘reply to reviewers’

We had removed the CARE checklist and ‘reply to reviewers’ from the file inventory.

7. Tracked changes

Our newly revised manuscript is in the final form, and it is a single clean copy without any tracked changes.