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Comment #1: We note that although in the point-by-point letter it is stated that written consent was obtained, the manuscript does not contain this statement. Please ensure that an appropriate statement is included within the manuscript to confirm that written informed patient consent was obtained.

The ethics statement was written in the materials and methods section (kindly see page 8, lines 172-175).

Comment #2: We notice that you are reporting a clinical trial but have not cited a trial registration number. This must be obtained before we can begin peer review of your manuscript.

“This study is not a clinical trial and there was no active investigational intervention done"