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Dear Nazareno

We are grateful for the thorough reading and insightful opinions

Point-to-point responses and revisions to address these responses are as follows.

**Requesting copyedit**

The manuscript has now been edited by Edanz; changed sentences are in blue.

**Please include all the email addresses of the authors on the 'Title Page'.**

We have added the email addresses of all authors to the title page, and listed Dr. Shieh as a co-author because of his substantial contribution to revise the manuscript.

**Please include a 'Conclusions' section.**

We have added the requested Conclusions section.

**Requesting consent statement**

This retrospective study was approved by the IRB of Chung Shan Medical University Hospital. Because we only analyzed decoded data, the requirement for written informed consent was waived in this study.

The following sentence has been added in the Materials and Methods section: “Our research was performed in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration and approval was obtained from our local ethics committee (Institutional Review Board of the Chung Shan Medical University Hospital, Reference No: CS11051).”

**Please re-name your 'Funding' section as 'Acknowledgment.'**

We have changed the heading to the section regarding funding to ‘Acknowledgement’.

Best wishes,

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