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OUR RESPONSE TO THE EDITOR’S COMMENTS:

Comment 1: In your Ethics approval section, please clarify whether consent obtained from participants was written or verbal. If the consent was verbal please include reasoning for this and state if an ethics committee approved this method of obtaining consent.

Our Response: Ethical approval was sought and obtained from the Ethical Committee of Diamond Biomedical Services Ltd. Written informed consent were obtained from patients who can read while verbal consent were obtained after careful explanation of the procedure from patients who cannot read before they were made to thumbprint on the consent form. This is contained in Ethical Approval and consent to participate section, Page 13, lines 277-281.

Comment 2: In the Authors' contributions section, please refer to all authors by their initials rather than using any full names.

Our response: This was judiciously followed in page 13, lines 291-292 where full name was changed to initial.

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