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We thank the editor and reviewers for their comments and have addressed all concerns in the revised version of the manuscript. A point-by-point response is provided below.

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The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of University Hospital of the Eberhard-Karls-University Tuebingen.

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Answer: We thank the reviewers for this comment. All authors listed in the manuscript made substantive contribution to the study. Thus, we complemented the following information:

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