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Dear editor,

Thank you for your kind reviewing of this manuscript. The respondance was as below.

1. In your Ethics approval section, please clarify why consent had been sought from the participants’ next of kin in some cases. Please note, in the event that consent had been collected from next of kin because of patient death consent must always be written.

In our cases, some elderly patients were with lower education levels and only speak dialect, so when we were communicating with these patients, their next of kin translated and explained to the patients, and gave the patients' opinion back to us. So we modified the declaration as "Due to the retrospective nature of the study, informed consents were obtained from participants verbally
by phone contact (the participants’ next of kin assisted in communication in cases the participants could not communicate with the researchers directly)."

Best regards,

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