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Title: Early risk assessment of circulating endothelial progenitor cells and plasma stromal cell-derived factor-1 for nondisabling ischemic cerebrovascular events

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter concerning our manuscript entitled “Early risk assessment of circulating vascular endothelial progenitor cells and plasma stromal cell-derived factor-1 on nondisabling ischemic cerebrovascular events” (ID: NURL-D-18-00725). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to your comments are as flowing:

Response to comment: Please include a statement in the ‘Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate’ section on how the participants ability to give informed consent was assessed, and confirm whether these criteria were approved by the ethics committee. If the patient was found to lack capacity, please specify who consent was obtained from on their behalf.

Response: We have revised. Page 12 Line 1. We obtained ethical approval for this study from the Medical and Health Research Ethics Committee in Yongchuan Hospital of Chongqing Medical University, the current study was carried out according to Declaration of Helsinki. Local legal and regulatory authorities as well as the medical secrecy will be followed. If the patient has consciousness disorder or aphasia, the decision cannot be made by themselves, the consent form can be signed by the patient’s legal proxies. Before enrollment, all patients or there legal proxies were given detailed information about the aims, scope and possible consequences of the study by
a physician. No diagnostic or interventional procedures required for the clinical trial. Written informed consent was obtained from all study participants.