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Response to Editor Comment 1: In Section 7.1 (Ethical approval), Line 524, we have added that the informed consent was written consent.

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Response to Editor Comment 2: On page 18, Line 420, we have added a section titled “5. Conclusions”. All other sections (Background, Methods, Results, Discussion) were previously included in the manuscript.
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