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Answer: In our study, of the total 17 patients, 16 women gave their oral and written informed consent on behalf of themselves and their children during the face-to-face interview. Nevertheless, one case refused our face-to-face invitation over the telephone because she underwent a missed miscarriage at 8 gestational weeks following expectant management; but she provided the verbal informed consent for participation in the study and publication, and also agreed to sign the written informed consent if requested. It was approved by the institutional review boards of Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital (NJDTH20160810) (page 6, lines 19-25).

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