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We are so sorry for the delayed reply. We revised as listed below.

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Reply: Thank you. We have revised the Declarations section. The Ethics Committee of Shandong Provincial Hospital affiliated to Shandong University approved the study which was conducted according to the principle expressed in the Declaration of Helsinki and the number was NO.2017-225. All patients have provided written informed consents.
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Reply: Thank you for your suggestion. We have added the relevant details in Availability of data and materials.

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Reply: Thank you. We will submit a single clean manuscript.