Author’s response to reviews

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Thank you very much for the excellent reviews. We have addressed each comment, criticism, and suggestion individually below. We believe that the changes suggested by the reviewers have improved this manuscript. We hereby resubmit this document with point-by-point responses to all of the reviewers’ comments along with the updated version of our manuscript, which has been revised in accordance with the comments from the editor.

Editor Comments:

Dear authors

1. Thank you for providing a section on Ethics approval. We would appreciate it if you could please provide us with the full, official name of the committee which granted you approval for this study, and committee reference number if appropriate. Additionally, please clarify in this section that all participates provided informed consent to participate in your study.

→ This study was approved by our institutional review board by ethical committee of University of Yamanashi School of Medicine (Application number 1183). Additionally, we received informed consent from all eligible patients. Now these information have been provided in the section on Ethics approval.

2. Thank you for including a data availability statement. This statement should detail the location of the raw data underlying the conclusions made in this study. We note that only
summarized data is presented in this manuscript, so we would like to ask that you amend this statement. If there are any ethics restrictions preventing the sharing of the raw data, please state this. If you do not wish to share the data, please include a reason why it will not be shared in this section.

According to study protocol, the raw data have to be stored in hard disk which is not connected with outside. We can’t share raw data, because our institutional review board by ethical committee does not allow us to share raw data, which is included patient information.