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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. Please provide the FULL, OFFICIAL name for your ethics committee in your Ethics section. Additionally, please clarify if patient consent was written or verbal.

   → We have provided the full, official name for our ethics committee in Ethics section. Additionally, we have clarified as patient consent was written (P12, Line 49-59).

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   → Now, we have clarified the reason why we cannot provide raw data in Availability of additional data and material section (P13, Line 10-23).