Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prolonged Preoperative Treatment of Acromegaly with Somatostatin Analogs May improve Surgical Outcome in Patients with Invasive Pituitary Macroadenoma (Knosp grades 1-3): A Retrospective Cohort Study conducted at a Single Center

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Response to Reviewers' comments

Dear Dr. Symmons,

We thank you for your careful consideration of our manuscript. We appreciate your response and overall positive feedback, and made modifications to improve the manuscript.

We hope that you will find the revised paper suitable for publication, and we look forward to contributing to your journal. Please do not hesitate to contact us with other questions or concerns regarding the manuscript.

Best regards,

Feng Gu
1. In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the Declarations please clarify whether written or verbal consent was obtained from the participants. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

   Response: We thank the Editor for the comment. In fact, the need for individual consent was waived by the committee due to the retrospective nature of the study. This was corrected in the manuscript.

2. The Availability of data and materials section refers to the raw data used in your study and “Not Applicable” is not a suitable statement for your study. We strongly encourage all authors to share their raw data, either by providing it in a supplementary file or depositing it in a public repository and providing the details on how to access it in this section. If you do not wish to share your data, please clearly state this in this section along with a justification. Data availability statements can take one of the following forms (or a combination of more than one if required for multiple datasets):

   Response: We agree with the Editor. We now provide our data as Supplementary files along with this submission. The statement was changed in the Declarations.

3. Please use initials only rather than full names in the Authors' contributions section.

   Response: It was corrected.