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Response to Editor

We would like to thank the Editor for careful and thorough reading of this manuscript and for the thoughtful comments, which helped to improve the quality of this manuscript. Below follow point-by-point responses to the comments (the comments are in italics).

Editor comments:

1. Sections of the submitted manuscript appear to overlap with text in previously, published, work. The current manuscript overlaps with text from the following manuscript. We appreciate that the above manuscript is by some of the same authors as on the submitted manuscript, however self-plagiarism is also a violation of publication ethics. We have attached an iThenticate report detailing the regions of text overlap. Please rewrite the sections which overlap with Grønkjør et al, 2016 (a red no.1 in the attached document).

   #1: Thank you for the comment. We completely agree and have now rewritten the mentioned sections.

2. Please change the heading titled 'Introduction' to 'Background'.

   #2: This is now changed.
3. Please change the heading titled 'Methods and Materials' to 'Methods'.

   #3: This is now changed.

4. Please include the case no. for the ethical approval if applicable.

   #4: The case number for the ethical approval is now included in the Method section and in the Declaration section.

5. Include the grant no. for the funding if applicable.

   #5: The grant numbers for the funding is included wherever possible.

6. The role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript should be declared. If the funding body played no role in any of these steps please state that as well.

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7. Please clarify if consent was obtain for publishing the image of figure 1 by the patient. Please detail this in the 'Consent for Publication' declaration of the manuscript.

   #7: Thank you for your comment. Consent was obtained before publishing. This is now stated in the Declaration section.