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Changes you requested:

1. No information has been given in the paper on the ethical issues.

We clarified the approval we had received from our IRB on page 6.

2. No information has been given on the influence of the patient characteristics on the effect. Elaborate the statistical analysis.

We have further addressed this in the statistical analysis and results on page 8. Due to further analysis to clarify this we have added an additional author to the paper who has assisted with this improvement in the paper.

3. Information is missing on the severity of the disease. This causes severe attribution problems.

Unfortunately no initial severity data is capturing in the public reporting. This is now identified as a limitation of the conclusions on page 11

4. Line numbering

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Thank you for the further review of our paper.

Mark Nyman