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The following cover letter responds to the editorial request (in red).

Editorial Request

Ethics statement:
Please move the ethics statement to the 'Methods' section of the manuscript and include the full name of the ethics committee that approved the study in the statement.

The Ethics statement was amended to include the full name of the Ethics Committee approving the study. Further information was added to highlight the methods used to maintain patient confidentiality. This statement was added to the “Methods” section of the manuscript on page 6 as follows:

“Ethics Statement

The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of the ANH Hospital Group. Furthermore, no identifiable human data were used for this study. The anonymous data set in the study was only accessible to the researchers thus, patient privacy was ensured.”

The authors value the feedback from the editor and have made the required amendments. The manuscript was also amended to conform to the journal style. We look forward to the acceptance of the manuscript and subsequent publication, believing that this paper will contribute to the existing research base on accreditation. Thank you.