Author’s response to reviews

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Dear editor,

Thanks very much for the constructive input. We have revised the manuscript accordingly. Please see point-to-point response below.

Best regards,

Yongguo Yu

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LLW was not only responsible for obtaining ethics, but also collecting clinical data. We have added this part to Authors’ Contribution.

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