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Response to Reviewers’ comments

Dear Editor,

We are very grateful for your reasonable advices and careful handling our manuscript. We appreciate your response and overall positive feedback, and made modifications to improve the manuscript. We have studied your comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with your approval. Thank you for your consideration and further review of our manuscript. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions or recommendations.

We believe that the revised manuscript is strengthened by these changes and hope that reviewers and editors of the journal would consider the revised manuscript acceptable for publication. Our point-by-point responses to the editor s’ comments are listed below:
1. Consent to participate

Thank you for clarifying that you obtained verbal consent from the subjects involved in the study. Please include the following sentence in the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' statement: "Verbal informed consent was obtained from the subjects involved in the study." Also, please state the reason why the consent obtained was verbal and not written.

Response: We agree that there should include the following sentence in the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' statement: "Verbal informed consent was obtained from the subjects involved in the study." Because most of the patients were needing routine inspection and extracted additional 3 ml of blood at the same time, which did not increase the patient pain and economic burden, But their family member and patient were fully communicated. All information regarding the patients' consent to participate in the Ethical approval and consent to participate section were included in the revised article.

2. Consent for publication

Since your manuscript does not contain individual data, please change this statement to "Not applicable".

Response: We appreciate your valuable suggestion. We have changed this statement to "Not applicable".

3. Authors' contributions

Following our initial request, please change the full names of the authors to initials in this section of the Declarations. The statement should read as follows: "YZ and XG carried out the studies, participated in collecting data, and drafted the manuscript. YZ and CX performed the statistical analysis and participated in its design. CX helped to draft the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript."

Response: We thank you for the comment. We have changed the full names of the authors to initials in this section of the Declarations.

4. Supplementary material

Please remove the Ethics approval scan and translation from the supplementary material.

Response: We are very honored to get your better improvement on our draft! We have removed the Ethics approval scan and translation from the supplementary material.
5. Figure 2 and 4

It came to our attention that figures 2 and 4 might contain a spelling error. We believe "wide type" should be "wild type". If that is the case, please amend the figures and upload them again.

Response: Good question! Yes, we believe "wide type" should be "wild type" and amend the figures and upload them again.

Best regards,

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