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**Manuscript NO:** 89079

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Novelty of this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
<b>Creativity or innovation of this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation



<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

1: The study lacks clarity in its classification, merely indicating a prospective design. However, the precise nature—whether cross-sectional, cohort, or descriptive—is not explicitly stated. 2: In the context of being a prospective study, was there a preregistered protocol? 3: Were there missing patient attrition or non-response during the study? If so, elucidate the details and reasons for withdrawal to enhance transparency. 4: The absence of Table 1 detailing demographic characteristics raises concerns. A comprehensive description of patient demographics, encompassing age, gender, and relevant clinical parameters, is imperative. 5: Can the correlation between the observed outcomes and patient-specific attributes, such as age, be quantified? Elaborating on the potential influence of individual characteristics on therapeutic response would fortify the study's depth.



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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors! After reviewing your manuscript, I have come to the following conclusion: The manuscript contains some important information about your study, but is overall lacking in detail. The introduction to the topic is far too short and the actual problem you want to investigate is not sufficiently presented. The description of the method lacks specific information on recruitment, the exact procedure for conducting the study and an initial categorization of the patients. The presentation of the results also lacks important information such as a complete description of the patient population (age, gender, previous illnesses, etc.). Overall, the discussion is presented in an acceptable manner. I therefore cannot recommend publication in the present form. A complete revision of the manuscript is necessary. Best regards! Your reviewer



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Dear authors, Thank you very much for revising the manuscript. It can be published in its present form. Best regards! Andre Ewers