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1. **Prior publication.** Has the manuscript been previously published (in this form or in another form with significant similarity or overlap)? There are situations where these may be acceptable; for example, most journals do not consider preprints or thesis/ dissertations as prior publications. ([See ICMJE for discussion of overlapping publications.](#)) Is the manuscript under consideration elsewhere? ([See ICMJE for discussion of duplicate submission.](#)) Check all that apply.

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2. **Funding/Sponsorship.** (See ICMJE for [reporting recommendations.](#))

a. Did your research and/or authors have funding or sponsorship?

- No
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- No
- Yes: Complete the following information:
- a. Which AI-based systems were used? \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_
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- No
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- \_\_\_\_\_
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- Yes
- No
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- Yes: provide database and trial registration number \_\_\_\_\_
- No. Explain below:

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a. Has the research been approved by an independent local, regional or national review body and/or animal ethics committee?

Yes. Provide the name of the committee and the institution:

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 No. Explain why not:

b. Did human participants provide written or oral consent?

Yes, written consent

Yes, oral consent. Explain why consent was oral rather than written: \_\_\_\_\_

No consent was obtained. Explain why not:

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a. Will the authors provide to the journal any data and software code supporting the work that the journal requests?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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 No. Explain why not:

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 No

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