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This study was approved by the Ethics Committee of the First Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University. All procedures performed in studies involving human participants were in accordance with the ethical standards of the institutional and national research committee and with the 1964 Helsinki declaration and its later amendments or comparable ethical standards.