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Ethics Review Form

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|  | Points to consider | Note |
| 1 | Is this study a human research? □ Yes □ No | If this is a human research, go to item 2 |
| 2 | Is this study exempted from IRB/REC review?  □ Yes □ No | If exemptable, please provide a  copy of valid certificate  If not exemptable, go to item 3 |
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| 14 | Is this human study categorized as a high-risk human research?  □ Yes □ No | If yes, go to item 15  If not, explain the type and the degree of the risks of the human research. |
| 15 | Was any safety monitoring plan implemented during the human study?  □ Yes □ No | If yes, please identify and describe the appropriateness of the monitoring plan. |
| 16 | Was the risk-benefit ratio balanced in this human study?  □ Yes □ No | If yes, please describe how the study participants benefit from this human research. |
| 17 | Did the authors comply with Declaration of Helsinki (2013) &  relevant national laws & regulations?  □ Yes □ No | If yes, please remember this statement will be added in the section of Materials and Methods.  If no, please explain why not. |
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