

Ethics Committee Approval

The study documents were reviewed and approved by the respective Institutional/Independent Ethics Committees and the study was conducted in accordance with the principles of Declaration of Helsinki (World Medical Association) and Good Clinical Practice guidelines issued by the ICMR & DCGI, Govt. of India. See below for a complete list of the ethics committees which approved this study. All the patients were explained about the study details and were provided opportunity to raise any queries/doubts about the study. Written informed consent was obtained from all patients before enrolment. The study was registered in the clinical trials registry of India (CTRI/2017/06/008847; Registered on: 15/06/2017).

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