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Dear Editor,

we would like to thank you for the opportunity to revise this manuscript.

We have added the following changes, according to your previous letter:

1. As you may be aware, it is the policy of the journal not to peer review study protocols where ethical and external funding approval have been obtained, as these processes usually involve peer review and as there is little possibility to change a protocol after enrolment begins. Therefore, could you please clarify whether you have ethical approval and external funding for your study, and if so, could you send evidence of your approvals to the address below?

   Authors' response: We have added a copy of each Ethics Committee approval for this study as well as a short document from the Principal Investigator for the funding received. Unfortunately, we have only the documents in the original local languages and it would be difficult to obtain an English translation in a limited period of time. We hope this could still be acceptable for the revision process. Importantly, the study has already begun and the present protocol is applied during the recruitment procedure.

2. Could you also provide a list of any manuscripts that are under submission with other journals based on this study protocol?

   Authors' response: No manuscript based on this study protocol is actually under submission.