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We have made the following format changes to the manuscript:

1) Authors names are listed according to the preferred style as much as possible--one author (Josilene BT Lima) has two maiden names that have been abbreviated as B. T., and one author has a compound first name (Ana Veronica Mascarenhas), with no middle initial.

2) We have places the references before punctuation

3) We have listed all authors in the References section

4) Figures were created in Power Point, which generated the white spaces around the figure--closer cropping may be possible when figures are transferred to another program.

5) Merged cells were broken into separate rows in tables

Also, we have checked for typographical errors, and removed the mark-up copy of the manuscript from the on-line submission system.

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