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RESPONSE TO THE EDITOR.

The authors are very grateful for the suggestion given by the editor to make the manuscript better. Below are the points raised by reviewers and responses to the reviewers highlighted in blue.

1. Please ensure that all uses of the terms "coloured" and "coloureds" is correctly replaced by the term "mixed race" as suggested by referee 2. This includes the text in the manuscript body and tables.

Response:

- Page 9, line 215, 217, 219, the term “coloured” in those sentences has been replaced by “mixed race”.
- Page 26, Table 1, the term “coloureds” has been replaced by “mixed race”.

In short, the word “Coloured” or “Colored” does not appear anymore in the manuscript.

Best Regards.

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