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Dear Editors:

We have followed your advice and have revised our manuscript again as follows:

The trial registration number below the title of the paper has been deleted and has been added to the end of the Abstract in another paragraph titled “Trial Registration” with the registration number mentioned there too.

The “Abbreviations” part after the “Conclusion” has been deleted and all the abbreviations have been mentioned in the related paragraphs in the manuscript.

In our last revision, we included the content of references 32 and 33 in the credit “29-31”, which means that we should have changed the credit “29-31” into “29-33”, but we forgot to do so. We have done the correction now. We are sorry of our carelessness, and thank you very much for finding the missing reference numbers for us.

Thank you for your kindness!

Yours gratefully,

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