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Dear Editor

In this R2 version, we have addressed all the Editor’s comments, including:

(1) abstract, which is now presented in 4 sub-sections as requested (Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions). Minor changes were made to the text to adapt it to this new format. The total number of words is 233. Please note that the abstract (as well as the manuscript) contains symbols ("D" Greek letter), which were converted into "Delta" upon loading the text into the "abstract" frame on the submission website.

(2) statement of competing interest, added at the end of the manuscript, after "conclusion"

(3) authors’ contributions, with authors identified by their initials and listed in the order of appearance in the authors’ list, added after "competing interests”.

We would like to thank you and the reviewers for your very positive and constructive approach to our work,

With my best wishes,

On behalf of all authors

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