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Thank you for accepting our manuscript.

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The requested changes have been made and are detailed below.

Yours Sincerely,

Sally Stephenson

Major revisions

1. Please indicate all authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

I can confirm that all of the authors have read and approve of the final version of the manuscript.

2. References - the reference list should contain up to 30 authors' names for each citation. The term 'et al.' should not be used.

The authors for each reference have been included in entirety.
3. Reference 25 in press - has this article been published? If so, please complete the citation details.

The citation details for Reference 25 have been up-dated.

4. Tables - tables should fit into an A4 page (maximum size 176mm x 230mm), preferably portrait.

The tables have been reformatted to fit on a single A4 page in portrait. This required splitting of the tables but we believe the data is still easy to understand.

Minor revisions

1. Tables - the table title should appear above the table and should be only one sentence long. Please place any other text as a legend (or key), which should appear below the table.

The titles and legends of the tables have been formatted as requested.

2. Tables - please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables.

The vertical lines have been removed from all of the tables.

3. Figures - It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the image.

The figures have been cropped but are still presented as .doc files. Please let me know if you would prefer another format.

4. Typography- please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions.

The document has been spell-checked. Some punctuation and grammar changes have been made but these do not change the meaning of the sentences.