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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for allowing us to send in a revised version of this manuscript. Please find attached the revised manuscript. We have addressed minor modifications point by point, as requested.

1) Please drop "conservatively" from the discussion of limitations
Thank you for this comment. We have dropped "conservatively" from the discussion of limitations. The revised version now reads:
Thus, it was decided not to analyze the effect of each separate medication on immune mediators in this relatively small sample.

2) Drop phrase referencing "ongoing pro-inflammatory process"
Thank you for this comment. We have dropped phrase referencing "ongoing pro-inflammatory process". The revised version now reads:
Higher concentrations of sTNF-R1 along with higher sIL-6R concentrations could be taken as evidence of ongoing pro-inflammatory processes.

3) Replace reporting of 'standardized effect sizes' as simply "standardized b(eta)"
Thank you for this comment. We have replaced 'standardized effect sizes' as simply "standardized #"

4) Void use of the term increase which implies change in the measure. Instead use "higher/lower" as suggested by Dr. Prossin. See Discussion paragraph 2.
Thank you for spotting this. We have changed as requested.