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Major Revisions:

1. Author list: the list of authors in the manuscript should be written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order. The preferred style is 'First name Initial Last name'(e.g. Joe F Bloggs). Currently they do not match.
   We have updated at indicated.

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   We included all tables after the references section.

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1. Affiliations: Please remember to include the country in the affiliation details.
   Included USA for all.

2. Title page: Please remove the text 'Title' from the title page.
   Removed.

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   New jpegs included with all white space removed.