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Thank you for your continued assistance with the preparation of this manuscript. In response to your requests we have made the amendments as outlined below.

**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).

   The author list in the paper has been corrected.

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   Heading structure has been corrected as advised.

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   Both Abstracts now identical

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   Table 1 has now been reformatted to fit an A4 portrait page

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   Two references in the list had the same number. This has been corrected so that the numbers in the manuscript now match the numbered reference in the reference list.

**Minor revisions**

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   Word count and key words have been removed from the title page

8. **Introduction:** Please rename this section 'Background'.

   This section has been renamed as requested.
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Underlined words have been changed to bold

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A conclusion heading has been inserted prior to the last paragraph of the manuscript.

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We have changed the layout of the figures to reduce the white space. It remains however on an A4 paged word document that the editor may need to further adapt as necessary.

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Several minor word edits have been made.

Yours sincerely,

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