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1. The words “and” and “were estimated respectively” were added in the lines 2 and 3 of the “Background” section. It did not change the meaning of the paragraph.

We are happy with the rest of the manuscript including tables and figures.