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Dear Professor Liu,

We thank you for your further review of our recently submitted protocol manuscript (MS: 4924676358765939)

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We are happy to make all of the changes you request. Please see our responses to your report below.

Yours Sincerely,

Jim Shepperd
Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Youcheng Liu

Reviewer's report:
Discretionary Revisions
1. Page 2, Para 2, Lines 47-51: move the objectives to the Background section. Objectives moved

2. Line 102: typo – totobacco. Typo corrected

3. Line 109: is 12 a reference? If so, it needs brackets. Brackets added

4. Lines 112 to 114: any published reference available to cite? Reference added and all subsequent references renumbered

5. Table 1: add notes to explain the full names such as FVC, FEV1, MLE, VEGF, etc. as in other tables. Notes added below table to explain abbreviations

6. Run a spelling check of the manuscript. Spell check conducted

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.
Declaration of competing interests: None to declare.