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Dear editors:

We are grateful to your comments and thoughtful suggestions. Based on these comments and suggestions, we have made extensive modifications to the original manuscript (Manuscript ID: 1920346582122278). We hope that the new manuscript will meet your journal’s standards. Below you will find point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments/questions:

Database access

1. Please clarify in the manuscript whether access to the databases you used is freely available, and if not, who gave permission to use them. Please list the permissions for each database.

Reply: Our information was collected from two databases called Disease Surveillance Information Reporting System and AIDS Prevention and Control Information System. Both of them are vested in the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, including the ownership and management of the database. This research was conducted by our collaboration with the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Ethics clarification

2. If no ethics approval was necessary please add a statement to that effect in the revised manuscript, adding either that it complies with national regulations, and providing a reference which supports this, or that a local named ethics committee ruled that no formal ethics approval was required in this case.

Reply: We have added this part to the part of method.

Yours sincerely,

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