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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to be able to submit our revised manuscript. We have made revisions in light of both the major and minor formatting changes highlighted.

Major revisions:
1. Authors' contributions: Please indicate that all authors read and approved the final manuscript
   *All authors have read and approved the final manuscript and we have included a statement to the fact in the authors’ contributions section.*

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The manuscript has been checked for typographical errors and any minor errors have been amended. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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