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Dear Editors,

Please find enclosed our revised version of the manuscript MS: 3925757755816627:

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We want to thank the Editors for giving us the opportunity to revise it with your constructive suggestions.

We have answered all comments and suggestions, which had been addressed in detail and revised the manuscript point-by-point using “Track Changes”.

1) We note that your manuscript reports preliminary data from a 5 year study. Before we can proceed further with your manuscript, we require you to clarify why you believe 2 year data from this study should be published at this time, rather than waiting until the full study is complete.

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Authors: We have added the name of the body that approved.

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Authors: We have added this as suggested.

With kindest regards

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