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Dear Dr Chaoyang Li,

Thank you very much for your consideration to the first revision of the above-referenced manuscript. We followed to the reviewer's comment. The changes made in the second revision are shown in red.

Reviewer's report:
The authors satisfactorily replied to all the questions. The only objection is that reply to my comment No. 2 should not be stated only in the Discussion section, but data should also be an integral part of the Result Section.

Response
We moved what we had described in the Discussion to the Results section (page 10 and 11). The point is important in interpretation, and this was brief referred to in the Discussion (page 13).

In addition to the above-mentioned changes, please note the following technical changes.
1) The titles of Tables 1-3 were shortened according to the instruction of "15 words".
2) Abbreviation of CI was added in footnotes of Tables 1 and 2.
3) "Geometric" was added in the sub-header of Table 2.

We hope that the revision is satisfactory and would like to appreciate your support once again.

Best regards,

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