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Dear Editors,

We changed the format of our manuscript as requested.

**Major revisions**

Affiliations: Each affiliation is now written in full.

Abstract: The Abstract in the manuscript matches exactly what is in the submission system.

Figures: We provided figure titles and legends at the end of the manuscript, after the references. We removed the figure numbers from the image files themselves.

**Minor revisions**

Line numbers were removed.

We included the email addresses for all authors on the title page.

Key words were removed.

We provided full citation details for reference 15.

Sincerely,

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