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Dear Professor Cornacchia

This letter outlines the changes made to comply with a request from the Journal Editorial Office so that paper can go through the review process.

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All those who contributed to the article are listed as authors, no acknowledgements are required for this article. This article including concepts, design and methods in the study protocol were developed solely by the three authors listed. This has been outlined in the Author contribution section at the end of the manuscript.

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