Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below our point-by-point responses (in blue) to the requests raises in your last email:

Formatting changes requested
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Can we ask you to link each author to their corresponding affiliation with the use of superscript numbers. We have used superscript numbers.

There should not be a preceding Introduction section. For the journal style the manuscript should be structured Abstract; Background; Methods; Results; Discussion; Conclusions. We have made the changes: a) to merge these two sessions into one Background; b) to modify the text so as to maintain the flow of the contents.

This will involve a change to the text as you have mentioned a Background to follow the Introduction.

Author contributions -> Authors’ contributions. We have added 's'.

Acknowledgements - Please list the source(s) of funding for the study, for each author, and for the manuscript preparation in the acknowledgements section. Authors must describe the role of the funding body, if any, in study design; in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; in the writing of the manuscript; and in the decision to submit the manuscript for publication. We have added text to indicate the sources of funding in relation to the production of the manuscript.

Please title the figures section 'Figure legends'. We have changed the title of the session into 'Figure legends'

The source of the figure should be removed from the figure file and included in the Figure legends for each figures. We have moved the source of the figure to the figure legends.

Please let me know if these changes are acceptable.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes
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