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Major revisions made:

Affiliations: Each affiliation is now written in full, in the following format: Department, Institute, (Street), City, (Postal code), Country. This may mean repeating institutional addresses if the authors are from different departments within an institution.

Authors’ contributions: We have indicated that all authors read and approved the final manuscript.

We have also used initials instead of full name.

Footnotes: We have incorporated the footnote text into the text of the manuscript.

References: We have amended the order of reference 27 and 28 so that they now come in the right order.

Tables: We have highlighted the shaded text by instead making it bold.

Figures: We have removed the title (e.g. Figure 1... etc.) and legend from the figures and instead made it part of the manuscript file after the reference list. We have also cropped them as closely as possible.

Minor revisions:

Email address: we have included email addresses for all the authors on the title page, using the recommended format
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Acknowledgements: We have removed the corresponding author details from the end of the Acknowledgements section.

References: We have provided the full citation details for reference 37.

Tables: Please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables.