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Dear Prof. Guangde Tu, Dear Prof. Noppens,

Thank you very much for your email from August, 1st, 2019 and the enclosed comments of the editor. Again, we feel strongly encouraged by the positive response to our manuscript. As requested, we changed the manuscript regarding your comments.
Finally, we would like to thank you and your reviewers for your/their time spent in helping to improve our manuscript.

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