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Response to Editor Comments

Editor:

Comment 1: We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of YSN, as currently they do not automatically qualify for authorship. Contribution to data collection, alone, does not usually justify authorship.

>>> Response to Editor Comment 1: YSN was responsible for the majority of the data collection for this manuscript. However, he indeed contributed to all aspects of the manuscript including design, AND drafting, AND final approval, AND will be accountable for all aspects of this work. He, thus, has made substantive intellectual contributions to the study and, according to the ICMJE guidelines, should qualify as an author.

Comment 2: Please change the headings in the main text to: 1) Background, 2) Methods, 3) Results, 4) Discussion, 5) Conclusions.

>>> Response to Editor Comment 2: We have modified the headings of the main text accordingly.
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