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Editor Comments:

Thank you for your response to our revision requests. However, there are a few final editorial requests we would like you to address before we accept the manuscript, detailed below.

1. Availability of Data and Materials
Please revise your current Availability of Data and Materials statement to reflect one of the formats indicated in our submission guidelines: https://www.biomedcentral.com/getpublished/editorial-policies#availability+of+data+and+materials.

We thank the reviewer for his/her comments. As You suggested, we used the suggested sentence "The data used and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request."

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3. Table 1

Currently, the age and gender information present in Table 1, in combination with other identifiers, may compromise patient/participant anonymity.

We thank the reviewer for his/her comments. As You suggested, we would to present the age of participants as range (see in Table 1), to respect the patient/participant anonymity.
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