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Second Response to the of reviewer’s comments on the manuscript:

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Dear Editor,

We are very grateful to the reviewers for the thorough review of our manuscript. The changes made to the original manuscript are incorporated in the revised version and the changes are addresses point by point as follows:

1. Technical Comments:
Because the format of our manuscript (.tex) is not supported, we have submit our revised manuscript as a docx file.

2. Formatting guidelines

In the current version of the manuscript, we have followed the new guideline of the BMC. That is, the amendments have been made following the order: section 1: the Introduction now changed to Background, which is found in page 1; section 2 is Methodology; the previous section 3, i.e. the Result and Discussions are now separately presented as section 3: Results and section 4: Discussion (in page 8 and page 14), respectively. Finally, the Conclusion section is presented as section 5 in page 15.

3. Figure Legends

We have moved all the figures and legends next to the reference section under a separate heading of Figure Legends from page 19.

4. Structure of the manuscript:

As described in comment 2 above, we have incorporated all the formatting and heading structures as follows: Section 1: Background (page 2), Section 2: Methodology (page 3), Section 3: Result (page 8), Section 4: Discussion (page 14) and Section 5: Conclusion (page 15).

5. Reducing the overlap texts in the manuscript

We have made changes to reduce the overlapped texts from our manuscript. These changes can be found on page 2. Still there might be overlap because some of the statements are definition of Diabetes Mellitus and other key terms related to our study, which are commonly described in the literature. Therefore, to avoid a possibility of losing key information, we have left some of them as they were, however without compromising the journal policy.

6. Role of the Funding Body:

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