Author’s response to reviews

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Dear respected Editor

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We would like to resubmit our revised manuscript (# BMGE-D-18-00409R3). We would like to thank you and the reviewers for the insightful and helpful comments. We believe these suggested changes significantly enhanced the quality of our manuscript.

The study team

Reply to the editor and reviewers’ comments (point-to-point response). All changes to the manuscript are indicated in the text by red font and yellow highlighting.

Response to editor’s comments
Comment 1:

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Response:

No need to change our author list from the order currently on the title page of our manuscript. The order of authors was changed (reordered) in the system during the entry of authors’ data during the resubmission process to be the same as currently in the title page of the manuscript.

Comment 2

In the section 'Funding', please also describe the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response:

The role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript was described under the “Funding” section. The funding body has no role in these activities.

(See “Funding” section, lines 369-370, page 14, revised manuscript).

Comment 3:

Multi-panel figures (those with parts a, b, c, d etc.) should be submitted as a single composite file that contains all parts of the figure.

Response:

All of our resubmitted multi-panel figures were designed to be as a single composite file that contains all parts of the figure.

(See resubmitted Fig. 1, Fig. 2, and Fig. 3).
Comment 1:

In the reference 37 the surname of the authors must be written and properly cited.


Response:

In the reference 37, the surname of the authors was written and properly cited as directed.

(See reference 37, lines 521-523, page 18, “References” section, revised manuscript).