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Dear Editor,

We thank for their positive assessment of our study and their helpful comments. We have made the changes suggested and highlight these in the revised submission. Our changes are provided below.

With Kind Regards,

The authors.

Changes:

1) We included the name of the research ethic committe which approved the study in the Ethics statement;

2) The manuscript was revised conform to the journal style. We removed the section "Abbreviations" and included page number in bottom of text;

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