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Response letter:

1) Authors' contributions section: we would also like to ask for you to provide more detail of the individual contributions of each author, as the current wording does not allow to ascertain if all qualify for authorship.

Answer: We revised the Authors' contributions section: “All authors participated in the concept, study design and protocol development. NJNB (WHO) and AMBF (Brazil) are leading the study. The regulatory aspects of the protocol were responsibility of EOK and NJNB (WHO); GAC, AMBF, ASB and SPG (national ethics committee), RFOF, MVGL, CHABM (local ethics committee). GAC, EOK, and PG developed the study instruments and SPG, CHABM, PB, MBM, XPDB, NJNB and SL provided critical feedback and input. PG and SL were responsible for the supervision of the development of the data management system. AMBF, RFOF, MCC, PCS, KM and RM provided advice on laboratory testing and helped shape the Laboratory section of the protocol. EOK and PG were in charge of the study coordination, management, training and implementation. GAC, EOK and PG drafted the manuscript with input from all authors. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

2) Please ensure that the sub-headings under "Declarations" are provided in the correct orders, as specified below.

Answer: We revised the section and provided the corrected order.
3) We also revised the funding section to detail the funding agencies.

4) Minor edition in one of the author’s name: Camila Helena Aguiar Bôto-Menezes.

Regards,

Guilherme Calvet