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Response: Thank you for your work on my submission. We apologize for the overlap with other publications. In the previous manuscript, the overlap was mainly in the section of Methods. Because we used the same or similar description to introduce the selection of eligible studies, data extraction, and statistical analysis, considering that the methodology was same with the published papers. The relevant descriptions have now been modified or rewritten in the revised manuscript.
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