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Dear Editors,

thank you very much for considering our manuscript and for pointing out to us a textual overlap in the results section of our manuscript. Indeed, while drafting the manuscript we have missed to re-phrase this section in our own words. We have now changed the paragraph in question (pages 8-9, lines 202-209).

However, using different online tools we were not able to identify obvious plagiarisms in the background section of our manuscript. We do admit that most of the paragraphs have been previously published in very similar wordings, but those similarities are hard to avoid if you cite previous work. If you still have concerns, could you please identify the paragraphs in question?

We hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for being published.

Yours sincerely,

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