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Dear Dr. Zhang,

Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions. We have carefully revised the manuscript and added necessary statements. Our point-by-point answers to the comments are below in a format similar to that of the review letter we received. The revisions in our manuscript are highlighted in red.

1. Authors’ contributions
Please represent authors' names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.
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Thank you for your suggestions. We have changed authors' full names into their full initials and added
a statement confirming the approval of the final version. The revisions and statements can be found in Line 315-318, 321-322 on Page 16.

2. **Section headings**
   Please rename the section heading ‘Introduction’ to ‘Background’, ‘Materials and Methods’ to ‘Methods’ in the main text of this manuscript.

   We have renamed all these section headings as you suggested. The revisions can be found in Line 42 on Page 4, and Line 67 on Page 5.

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   We have added a statement to declare the role of the funding body. The statement can be found in Line 311-313 on Page 16.

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   Besides, we also added Authors' information in the Declarations section. The detail can be found in Line 326-332 on Page 17.

Sincerely,

Luxia Zhang and Guilan Kong on behalf of all co-authors