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Dear Stephanie Minien,

Thank you very much for pointing out these mistakes. We really appreciate it. We have gone through the manuscript thoroughly. The responses to the changes are as follows;

1. Consent: We have revised the section to include as information stating the approval of parents of minors in the study. We did receive such statement but were unfortunate not captured in the section.

2. Ethics Approval: We have revised the section to include the full name of the institution i.e. University of electronic science of China (UESTC)

3. Authors' Contributions: We duly noted your advice. We however to to state that all authors were actively involved in the core processes and intellectual content of this study. We have revised the section to best fit the requirement.

4. Tables: Thank you for notifying this ethical error. We have removed the Gender and Age column as per the advice given in the reference you provided.

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Regards

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