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Point by point response to reviewers and editors

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Dear Editor-in-chief,

We are grateful to the editors and reviewers for their time and constructive comments on our manuscript. We have implemented their comments and suggestions and wish to submit a revised version of the manuscript for further consideration in the journal. Below, we provide a point-by-point response explaining how we have addressed each of the Editors’ comments and we include the points asked to include in the main manuscript. We look forward to the outcome of your assessment.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the co-authors

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Editor comments

Dear reviewers,

Thank you for your helpful comments and suggestions. We found your comments very important for the improvement of our manuscript. We have addressed the comments raised and incorporated into the document. Moreover, kindly find below the responses given to each of the comments raised.

Reviewer 1

Comment #1: I'm afraid your manuscript will need additional language editing. We recommend that you ask a native English speaking colleague to help you copied it the paper. Response: Dear reviewer, comment is accepted and we have reviewed the manuscript again and noticed that there were too many language and grammatical errors. We have reviewed it with colleagues who are fluent English speakers and also we have used Ginger application to correct those errors.

Comment #2: Please note that an 'author' is generally considered to be someone who has made substantive intellectual contributions to a published study

Response: Dear reviewers the comment is well taken, we the authors have our own contribution on this study; it was already dealt in the author’s contribution section and we have also tried to modify it.

Comment #3: Please clarify the minimum age of participants, as we note that the age minimum age of participation is indicated to be 18 in the methods but the minimum age 15-19 is included in table 1. Please be sure to include the minimum age in table 1.

Response: Dear reviewer, comment is accepted and we modified it as 18-19 and incorporated with the manuscript, you can find it in table 1.

Comment #4: Please ensure that when you upload your revised submission that it is in the final form for publication. Please remove any tracked changes, colored text, or highlighting and include only a single clean copy of the manuscript. Should you wish to respond to these revision requests, please include the information in the designated input box only.

Response: Dear reviewers comment is well taken and we tried to avoid the things you mentioned in the comment from the manuscript.

With regards!

Berhanu Gebresilassie