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The informed consent was written.

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We corrected the order of authors in submission system according to order listed in the manuscript.

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- page 5, lines 8-13, Methods section, our publication, we cited and summarized it in revision.
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- page 7, lines 15-24, Discussion section, we rephrased it in revision.

Currently, our manuscript is not under consideration by any other journal.

Declarations were included in the manuscript.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your concerns and the critical reading of our paper, and we would continue to keep close attention to your journal with interest.

Sincerely,

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