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Thank you for the encouraging news that our paper is near acceptance. We have addressed the following issues:

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I am unclear as to how there is overlap with the abstract as is seen in the iThenticate report but this may be that the abstract was used to present a paper at a conference and it is picking this up. The abstract is the same abstract. We have changed the wording slightly in the the background, discussion, limitations and conclusions sections as requested.