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Dear Editor in Chief,

The comments we received are listed below with each corresponding edit(s) made. Thank you very much for your feedback, we look forward to hearing your final decision soon.

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Author’s response: Thank you ~ the information below has been added to the abstract.

“Trial Registration: National Institute of Health (NIH) Clinical Trials Identifier NCT00840658, and date of NIH trial registration February 7, 2009.”
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Author’s response: Thank you ~ the author’s contribution section has been revised to include more detail as shown below.

“Authors Contributions: SS and TP contributed to the design of this trial. AV, served as the study coordinator and oversaw the implementation of all study procedures including biological specimen collection, in coordination with GR and HS. JJ and CB prepared and analyzed the data for the present analysis. JJ, CB, HP and SS are primarily responsible for the interpretation of study findings. JJ, CB, HP and SS prepared the manuscript for publication. All authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.”

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