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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for the comments and suggestions. Revised manuscript with revised tables, figures and additional file are submitted. Together with them, we also submitted responses to the comments.

Myitzu Tin Oung
On behalf of all the authors

Assistant Editor Comments:
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C Rao (Reviewer 1): The authors have satisfactorily addressed all my previous comments. I recommend the article for publication.

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Reviewer 2 (Reviewer 2): REVISION ASSESSMENT FROM THE ACADEMIC PEER REVIEWER:

Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? Yes

Reviewer comments: The authors have modified the study objectives in the Introduction Section as suggested. The Methods Section of the paper is now better organized with different subheadings as suggested. Also, there was a better description of the methods for data analysis as suggested. The authors have defined abbreviations when first used in the Discussion section and they have added a paragraph on the limitation of the study as suggested as well as strengthened the section in general.

Thank you.