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Dear editors:
Thanks for the comments and we have revised the manuscript accordingly. The following is the point to point reply.

1) We note that there is a discrepancy in the list of authors in the manuscript and the names that are on the system. Can you please clarify whether Chunxiao Yu is an author on this paper and, if so, please add this author to the submission system.

Response: Chunxiao Yu is an author on this paper and we have added her name to the submission system.

2) Under the heading "Ethics approval and consent to participate", please remove the sentence starting "Results of the study will be submitted...".

Response: The sentence “Results of the study will be submitted…” under the heading “Ethics approval and consent to participate” has been deleted.

3) In the Abstract, please change the headings "Introduction" to "Background" and "Methods/Design" to "Methods" and ensure that this Abstract is the same as the Abstract in the system. In addition, change the heading "Methods/Design" to "Methods" in the main text.

Response: The heading “Introduction” has been modified as “Background” in the abstract. The heading “Methods/design” in the abstract and in the main text has been amended to “Methods”.

4) Please describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript should be declared.

Response: The funding bodies do not participate in the design of the study, or in the collection, analysis and interpretation of data. Besides, the funding bodies do not participate in writing the manuscript. We added this sentence in the part of Funding, Page 21, Line 35.

5) Please do not include text in different colors.

Response: We have unified the color of the whole manuscript.
6) There are some minor language issues throughout the manuscript. Please ensure that you have thoroughly checked your manuscript for language errors. We recommend that you ask a native English speaking colleague to help you copy edit the paper. If this is not possible, you may need to use a professional language editing service. Use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of acceptance for publication.

Response: We checked the manuscript thoroughly and corrected some language mistakes in the manuscript.