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A point-by-point response

Editor Comments:

1. In the section ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ please include the explicit name of the ethics committee which approved this study. Please state whether the relevant ethics board that
approved this study agreed that consent was not required for this study type.
Response> Thank you for your valuable comments. As you requested, we have re-written the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section and explicitly stated the name and statement of the ethics board. Please see page 19 in the revised manuscript.

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Response> We have revised this section including your requests as follows: All authors had full access to all the data in the study and take responsibility for the integrity of the data and accuracy of the data analysis. The datasets generated and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request. Please see page 19.

3. In the section 'Funding' please also indicate the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.
Response> We have identified the roles of funding support for the present study. Please see page 20 in the revised manuscript.

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p6 lines 22-41, p7 lines 8-21, p8 lines 12-22, p8 line 51- p9 line 2, p13 lines 30 -43, p14 lines 27-50, p14 line 56 - p16 line 21
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