Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor:

Our manuscript has been extensively revised in accordance with the enclosed reviewers’ and editors’ comments.

Minor Comments:

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from previously published work. We would therefore be grateful if you could provide a justification for the overlap in text between your manuscript and other sources. Please be informed that we cannot proceed with handling your manuscript before this issue is resolved, and the sections of text in question have been reformulated.

Answers:

We appreciate of editors’ thought-provoking comments. As editors’ description, we wish to express some of the same ideas contained in previous publications. According to editors’ suggestion, we have revised the part, which is same with the previous publications, in the manuscript.

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Answers:

We are sincerely appreciative of editors’ comment. According to the editors’ suggestion, we have added a ‘Consent to publish’ section in Declarations.

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Answers:

We appreciate for editors’ comments. As editors’ advice, we have changed ‘Availability of data and materials’ section in the article.

4. A more suitable statement for the Competing interests section would be: ‘The authors declare that they have no competing interests.’

Answers:

We thank for the editors’ instruction. We have changed the statement to ‘The authors declare that they have no competing interests’ in the Competing interests section.

5. Please remove the funding information from the Acknowledgements section and place it under the heading ‘Funding’ instead. If you have no other acknowledgements please put ‘Not applicable’ in the Acknowledgements section.

Answers:

We thank for the editors’ reminds. We have changed it in the manuscript.

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Answers:

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Answers:

We thank for the editors’ suggestions. we have kept the manuscript’s format as the editors’ instruction.