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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter and your comments concerning our manuscript. Those comments are all valuable and helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and made corrections which we hope could meet with approval. The main corrections and the responses to your comments are as follows:

Reply to Editor:

We would like to thank the editor’s great efforts in reading our manuscript and for your constructive comments and suggestions. Our responses to the comments and suggestions are listed as follows:
1. Please rename the "Materials and methods" section to "Methods" in order for the manuscript format to meet the journal guidelines.

Reply: The "Materials and methods" section has been modified into "Methods" (Methods, search strategy section, Line 94).

2. Please include the sentence "All authors have read and approved the final version of this manuscript" in the Author contributions section and ensure that this is the case.

Reply: We have added "All authors have read and approved the final version of this manuscript" in Author contributions section, and we guarantee that this is the case. (Authors' contributions, Line 375-382).

3. In the Funding section, please indicate the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Reply: We have made changes in the Fund section as required, adding "None of the funders played a role in the design of the study, data collection, analyses, interpretation of the results or writing of the manuscript." (Funding, Line 369-373).

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Reply: We have made corresponding changes as required.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. We appreciate for Editors’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.
Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Best wishes,

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