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Dear editor:
Thank you very much for your efforts on our manuscript. We have check the manuscript for authenticity and updated the manuscript according to reviewers’ comments.

Responses to Reviewer 1:
Q1: I have minor concerns. Please see attached pdf.
A1: Dear reviewer, thank you very much for your comments. We have corrected “Li’ study” to “Li’s study” (See Discussion, paragraph 6, line 5) and “teeth movement” to “tooth movement” (See Discussion, paragraph 6, line 8) as you suggested.
Based on the clinical experience of our study group, we concluded that “the material strength of clear aligners was weaken compared with the one of archwires (plastic vs metal).” But after screening the published literature, no evidence could be found to support this statement. It is not appropriate to come to such a conclusion, so we delete this sentence. (See Discussion, paragraph 4, line 6)

Responses to Reviewer 2:
Q1: In material and methods they have added "et al" in the text (yellowed). I think they need to delete that.
A1: Dear reviewer, thank you very much for your comment. As you suggest, we have deleted the word "et al" in Methods. (See Methods-Focused question, paragraph 1, line 10)