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Dear Matteo Pasini,

Many thanks for your feedback on our revised manuscript. We have made the requested minor changes as follows:

1. Tables

   We removed the tables from the main manuscript text and uploaded them as separate files. We left references in the text where tables should be positioned.

2. Table and figure legends

   We added the section before the References, listing all table and figure legends. We removed all legends from the individual table and figure files.

3. Abbreviations

   We moved the Abbreviations before the Declarations section.
4. Notes

We moved this statement to the Authors’ contributions section. We re-formatted according to your suggestions "MB and AS share first authorship as they contributed equally to this project.".

5. Supplementary material

We removed point-by-point response and cover letter from the supplementary material, as these files will not be included in the published article.

On behalf of the author team I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our submission process.

Kind regards,

Kaethe Fetz