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Dear Reviewers,

We are very thankful to you for having invested your time to compile this second report. We have addressed all the final minor revisions requested. Below we have responded to the comments, indicated by bullet points.

-- In the section 'Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate', please state whether the informed consent obtained was written or verbal. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

• We have clarified in this section that informed consent was written. Ongoing consent (over multiple interactions with the same person) was verbal.

-- We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:


This overlap mainly exists in the Methods and Background sections.

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in this publication, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

If there is overlap in the Methods section, please ensure to summarize the methods and cite the source.

Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

• We sincerely apologize for this missed overlap in text. The background and methods sections have both been thoroughly rephrased in order to eliminate any repeated text between these two manuscripts.
-- We notice that author ND is missing from the authors’ contributions section. The individual contributions of all authors to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors’ Contributions section. Guidance and criteria for authorship can be found here:

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• Thank you for catching this. We have revised this section to include N.D. in the authors’ contributions.

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• Thank you. We have followed this instruction.