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Dear Editor,

Dear Reviewers,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript.

Below we explain how we have incorporated them into this new version of the manuscript. Your original comments are reproduced in italics; our responses follow each comment.

-- Please include figure legends for the main figures in the article file.

We included it.

-- 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 added more details about this point. Specifically, we added that: "To ensure fully anonymized participation in the study, the local Ethics Committee suggested to ask for verbal consent. This is in line with the Italian privacy law (Decree No. 196/2003)."

In Italy, there is non need for signed consent in non-clinical cross-sectional studies. If we asked for a signed consent we were in contrast with the national law.

-- We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works.

We are so sorry for this. Sometimes is very difficult to write the Method section when it requires technical words and there are very limited way to describe a technical procedure. However, we rephrased both the Method and the Results sections.

Thank you very much for your important suggestions.