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We thank the editors for the time spent on our paper and insightful comments which have helped to increase the rigor of our study. In response to these comments we offer modifications and improvements as detailed below:

Comments #1: In accordance with BMC Series editorial policies (http://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#standards+of+reporting), could you please ensure your manuscript reporting adheres to the ARRIVE guidelines (http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/page.asp?id=1357) for the reporting of animal experiments. This is so your methodology can be fully evaluated and utilised. Can you please include a completed ARRIVE checklist as an additional file when submitting your revised manuscript.

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Response: This is a pertinent comment. The ARRIVE checklist is very helpful in ensuring high quality animal research in our study. A completed checklist has be provided as supplementary information and will help readers to learn and refer to our study.

Comments #2: In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: Very appreciate to this suggestion. We have described in detail the role of every funds involved in our research following your comments to make it easier for readers to understand.

We now resubmit our revised manuscript on the submission site to the editor according to editors’ comments.