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Dear Editors

We truly appreciate your kind technical comments. We revised our manuscript text and table according to your comments as below.

>Editor’s comments 1. Please list the full names, institutional addresses and email addresses for all authors on the title page.

We added these information on the title pages as suggested. [Title page, page1, line 4-14]

>Editor’s comments 2. Please use the following section headings in the main manuscript: Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions.

We used the section headings in the main manuscript as suggested. We changed the heading from “Study design and Methods” to “Methods”. [Methods section, page4, line 16]

>Editor’s comments 3. Table 1 contains the exact ages of the human subjects in the study, which is considered patient identifying information. Please revise these ages to age ranges in order to prevent disclosing patient information.

In table1, we changed the presentations of ages to age ranges as suggested. [Table1, page20, line2-3]
Editor’s comments 4. Please revise your current Availability of Data and Materials statement to reflect one of the formats indicated in our submission guidelines:

We added the revised sentence to Availability of Data and Materials as suggested. [Declarations section, page 17, line13-16]

Editor’s comments 5. Please provide a full Funding statement, indicating that no funding was received for this study.

We added a full statement to “Funding” as suggested. [Declarations section, page17, line21-23]

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