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Dear Editor,

We thank the reviewers and your good-self for reviewing our paper. We are pleased that there is interest in the topic and are grateful for the constructive comments that could make the manuscript suitable for publication. We have addressed each of the reviewers’ comments point-
by-point using a table and have made corresponding changes in the manuscript (Comment-wise responses below).

The paper follows the guidelines of the journal. All the authors of manuscript have made substantial contributions to the conception of the work or its acquisition, analysis, interpretation of data Further, every author worked upon drafting the manuscript or revising it critically for important intellectual content AND read and approved the final version of manuscript.

We also declare that the datasets generated and analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request The authors declare no conflict of interest.

With best regards,

Comment 1- We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:


This overlap mainly exists in the last few sentences in the second paragraph in Discussion section (the sentence starts with 'The lower one is the need for the respect of others....' until the end of this paragraph). While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Response 1- We are grateful to the reviewer for showing interest in the topic and putting constructive comments and suggestions for improvising the manuscript.

Thanks for pointing it out. We have rephrased the section now to minimize the overlap. (Discussion Section, Page 12, Lines 246-250)
Comment 2- Availability of data and materials

Thank you for providing the statement: Not applicable

However, this statement is not valid. This is because Availability of Data and Materials refers to the raw data-set upon which the summary in the manuscript are based.

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Response 2- Thanks for the suggestion. We have now corrected the same while submitting the manuscript. We have put the statement

“The datasets generated and analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request”.

Comment 3- Please ensure that all authors have read and approved the final version and add a statement confirming this in Authors’ Contributions

Response 3- We have ensured that the authors have read and approved the final version and we have added a statement confirming this in Authors’ Contributions

Comment 4- Please state whether the map depicted in figure 2 is your own or taken from another source. If taken from another source please acknowledge the source in the figure legend, and if it is under copyright also state the written permission given to use and adapt it. If the above conditions are not met the image needs to be removed.

Response 4- We thank the reviewer for pointing it out. We have used a web page specifically designed for making customised maps of all over the world as well as individual countries. It is free of cost and the link for the same is https://mapchart.net

Comment 5- Please remove the cover letter from the file inventory as it is for peer review and not necessary at this stage of submission.

Response 5- Thanks for the suggestion. We have now removed the cover letter from the file inventory
Comment 6- Upon resubmission, Please remove any tracked changes or highlighting and include only a single clean copy of the manuscript. Please ensure the document is in the final form for publication; please upload only files that are to be published. If you wish to respond to these revision requests, please insert the information in to the designated input box only

Response 6-Thanks for the suggestion. We have now included only a single clean copy of the manuscript and uploaded only files that are to be published.

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