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We adopted the VSURF method from the mentioned particular publication. Thus, in this revised manuscript, we have cited the publication and have added a statement “This method was adopted from the previous report on description and usage of VSURF [24]” on page 9, Methods – Variable Selection – a)VSURF section. We have changed the heading Introduction to Background in both the abstract and the content of manuscript. Please be informed that we did not have “materials and methods” heading in the submitted manuscript. We have added the contribution of funding bodies on page 18, in the declaration – funding section. Figure titles have been provided after references. We have added the statement “All authors have read and approved the manuscript” on page 18 under declaration – author’s contribution section.