Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Dr. William Spenceley Jones,

Thank you again for your patient and professional guidance to us. We have revised the manuscript again to fully follow the editor’s comments, and the amendments are highlighted in the manuscript in revised mode. Below this letter is our explanation on revision according to the comments of the editor.

We hope that this further revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal.

Thank you for your kindly help again, and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

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