To the Editors,

Thank you for your consideration of our revised manuscript. We deeply appreciated the suggestions from the reviewers and editor, which we have incorporated into this manuscript.

Please note that the critiques and our responses involved several mathematical symbols. Thus, while we have pasted a response in the relevant text field, to preserve the meaning of our responses, we have attached and MS word document of our responses that we would like forwarded to reviewers.

Kind regards,

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