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Dear Editor,

Hope you will not mind our persistent mistakes in finalizing this manuscript presentation.

The reviewers had very favorable comments, and they did not ask any further action.

The following comments were given by the reviewers

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To the comments of the reviewer see our comments.

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Acknowledged. It seems to us that reviewer provided an adequate summary of the manuscript, and appreciated its values, with his/her final comments

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Acknowledged. We appreciate this view. In particular, we appreciate the comment about the NO agonists and antagonists, the issue especially elaborated in our study.

Hope you will the comments of the reviewers and our comments to be suited for final presentation in WJG.

Sincerely

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