

## Response to Editor and Reviewers

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- 6-18. Figure and table editing requests:

*All figures and tables have been edited as requested.*

**Reviewer 1:**

1. I suggest that in the Background section of the Abstract, the authors add the pathway of complement system activation, which is the classical one. And to address the activation of the classical complement pathway throughout the paper.

*The Background section of the Abstract, as well as the Introduction and the Discussion section of the article itself, now contain a more detailed discussion of the complement system.*

**Reviewer 2:**

According to me the article is well written and could be accepted.

*Thank you.*