

Dear Editors,

As we have already written in our detailed response to the reviewers' and editor's comments the revised paper (your Ref: ESPS Ms NO: 4918) has been reconstructed by a native speaker of English. So, we strongly believe that the language of our manuscript has indeed exceeded Grade B as it has been done also in more than 160 international publications of my group!

Thank you in advance and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Dalekos', with a large loop at the start and a stylized end.

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