Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

- 1. Two figures were added to help understand and retain key points in the manuscript as suggested by Reviewer #1
- 2. Modifications according to recommendations of Reviewer #1 to improve authentication standards have been made
- 3. The modifications suggested in text by Reviewer #2 were made to the manuscript
- 4. The specific points indicated by Reviewer #2 have been addressed and included in text
- 5. The final form of the manuscript was uploaded after the very useful observation made by Reviewer #3
- 6. Plain text was used in Introduction, bullets have been removed as indicated by Science Editor and changed the formulation from "I" to "we".

Thank you all for helping improving the manuscript!