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I sincerely appreciate your dedicated efforts in reviewing the manuscript. Modifications as per recommendations by editors and reviewer are as follows. Once again, thank you for your comments.

Sincerely, Seung Soo Lee

▶ Reviewer #1: Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good) Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing) Conclusion: Accept (General priority) Specific Comments to Authors: Illustrative case. No additional questions.

Response:

I am grateful for feedback from the reviewer. All the changes related to the language style are highlighted in yellow.

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Response:

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