

Dear Fang-Fang Ji,

We seek your clarification about the language certificate. Both authors of this manuscript are native speakers in English and our understanding is that a language certificate would not be required in this instance. To the best of our ability, the English language of our manuscript has been proof-read and edited appropriately. Furthermore, we have previously submitted a manuscript to the same journal and were not required to provide a language certificate.

We would appreciate your clarification on this.

Best regards,  
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