**Reply Letter to the Editor and the Guest Editor**

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We would like to thank the Editor and the Guest Editor for their constructive comments. In the enclosed revised version, we have tried our best to answer the points raised and incorporate these responses into the revised manuscript. We firmly believe that the comments improved the clarity, readability and quality of the paper. They are addressed here in the order they appear in your report (in bold) followed by our reply. The new/revised parts in the revised manuscript are in blue.

**Editor-and-Chief:**

**Sorry for the delay in processing your revision. The problem on our end was that we could not secure a review from the original reviewer. The guest editor and I have reviewed your paper and are comfortable proceeding.**

**Please use this round to closely copy edit and review your paper. Update references where needed, appropriate, or to enhance relevance with our readership.**

Answer: Thanks for sharing this information. We totally understand. We also wish to express our appreciation for the positive statement and comments of both the Editor and the guest Editor. We acknowledge their time and the constructive remarks on our work.

In the brief summary below, we describe the steps we took to respond to the comment:

1. The paper has again undergone professional editing to remove any remaining errors in grammar, spelling, syntax, and punctuation, and to make sure every element of our paper is consistent, cohesive, and complete.
2. The literature review is now been updated and extended with several close papers.
3. The citations all through the paper have been extended to enhance relevance with the journal's readership.

Please find the additional references below.

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Finally, we would like to thank you again for the comments and suggestions, which were all valuable and very helpful in revising and improving our manuscript.

Sincerely, the Authors