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It is an interesting manuscript. Authors succeed to present their data in a clear way adding information to the existing literature. Therefore, I have no corrections to do and the manuscript can be published unaltered.

- Thank you for your comment. We agree that the information in this manuscript is an interesting addition to the current body of literature.

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- Thank you for reviewing our paper. We believe that it would be a good addition to present body of literature.

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- Thank you for your comment. We have sent the manuscript to a biomedical statistician and have included several revisions after receiving his input. Please see lines 36 – 37 for the biostatistics review certificate. Additionally, please see Lines 122, 143 – 144, 148-152, 203 – 215, 256 – 263, 319 – 321, and 327 - 328 for revisions to our manuscript after discussing with our biomedical statistician. We believe that these revisions make the manuscript stronger and now better represent the data.

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- Thank you for your comment. The databases used in this study are readily available for the public to access with the information provided in our manuscript. After discussing with the other authors of the manuscript, we do not believe that this study required IRB exemption. However, to further explain this, we have included a statement found on Lines 135 – 136.

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- Thank you for your comment. This study does not contain data from human subjects, and all data was collected via publicly accessible sites. I have discussed this with the other authors of the paper and do not feel as though an informed consent is necessary for this study. We hope that this explanation is sufficient.

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- Thank you. We have restructured the tables in the manuscript to contain only lines at the top, bottom, and each column. The lines between rows have been removed. We believe that this revision now meets the specifications.

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