**Dear Dr. Vineeta Bajaj,**

Thank you for the detailed comments for revision. Please see the following responses to each point.

**Editorial comments:**

1. Please thoroughly proofread the manuscript for any grammar or spelling issues.

2. Please do not upload tables 1-5 as Materials Tables. There is an option the "table" which can be used for uploading these tables in .xls/.xlsx file.

3. Table 2: We cannot have figures in the Table. Please upload the figures separately as third figure. However, please ensure that the figures are numbered in the order of their reference. Also, please remove the sample sources from this table and move it to the materials table. We cannot have commercial language in the manuscript. All commercial language should be sufficiently referenced in the materials table.

4. Table 3: Please remove Excel and Visual Basic and use a generic term. Please sufficiently reference it in the materials table.

5. Figure 2: Please provide an x-axis label (time of the day).

6. Please upload the table of the essential supplies, reagents, and equipment as Materials Table as well. The table should include the name, company, and catalog number of all relevant materials in separate columns in an xls/xlsx file.

7. Please address specific comments marked in the manuscript as well.

1. The manuscript has been revised, and the revised part has been marked as red text in the manuscript.

2. Table 1-5 have been uploaded in the ‘table’ in .xlsx file.

3. The figures in table 2 have been moved out, and numbered as ‘figure 3’ and ‘figure 4’, which are numbered in the order of their reference in table 2. The sample sources have been removed from table 2.

4. ‘Excel’ and ‘Visual Basic’ have been removed from table 3, and replaced with a generic state. ‘Visual Basic’ is stated in the ‘Material table’.

5. An x-axis label (time of the day) has been added for figure 2.

6. An independent ‘Material table’ has been added and uploaded.

7. The answers to the comments have been added following each comment in the manuscript.