Dear Dr. Wu,

Thank you for the editorial comments on our manuscript. We have revised it accordingly. Please see our point-by-point responses below.

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The manuscript has been modified and the updated manuscript, 59356\_R1.docx, is attached and located in your Editorial Manager account. Please use the updated version to make your revisions.

1. Please take this opportunity to thoroughly proofread the manuscript to ensure that there are no spelling or grammar issues.

We have checked the entire manuscript once again for grammar and spelling issues.

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We have specified how the file *config.json* can be modified. All software components of our protocol are python-based scripts which are executed from Jupyter Notebooks. We have revised the manuscript to be very clear about this. Moreover, the code is annotated which will guide the users.

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As explained in the comment above, the software components rely on the execution of phyton script. The script is contained in cells organized in Jupyter notebooks, hence there are no buttons to be clicked or menu items to select. We have made this clear in the revised manuscript.

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