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Dear Dr. Fu,

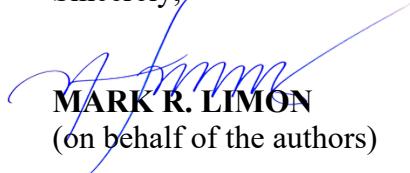
We are pleased to resubmit our revised manuscript for your kind consideration. We sincerely thank you and the reviewers for the constructive and insightful comments, which have significantly strengthened the quality, clarity, and rigor of the paper.

In response to the reviewers' suggestions, we have carefully revised the manuscript to address all comments. Key revisions include: (1) clarification of table references and improved alignment between tables and textual discussions; (2) expanded discussion of the discrepancy between self-reported and observed food safety practices; (3) inclusion of a dedicated Limitations section to enhance transparency; (4) added discussion of the Fleiss' Kappa result to support the reliability of observational data; (5) improved methodological details regarding observation procedures and sampling rationale; and (6) comprehensive grammatical, formatting, and APA-style consistency checks throughout the manuscript. Additionally, the Introduction was streamlined to reduce redundancy, acronyms were clearly defined, tables were reformatted and relocated as recommended, and the recommendations section was reorganized for improved logical flow.

All revisions have been clearly incorporated into the manuscript, with specific line numbers indicated in the detailed response-to-reviewers document. We believe these changes have substantially improved the manuscript and addressed all concerns raised by the editors and referees.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication and we look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,



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(on behalf of the authors)