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The document has been extensively altered, based on the comments from the Editor. This makes it very difficult to address the changes in a point-to-point fashion, but the major changes are:

- The document has been significantly shortened, from 30 pages to 17 pages. Most of the examples, highlighting the practical application of the different non-invasively collected matrices, have been deleted.
- A figure has been added, giving an overview of some of the main advantages and disadvantages of the discussed non-invasively collected matrices
- The overall tone of the article is changed. While the initial paper focused on illustrating how non-invasively collected matrices can offer a valuable alternative for e.g. blood, the current paper mainly highlights the added value that non-invasively collected matrices have (repetitive, mother-child transfer, historic exposure,...)

We hope that these changes make the paper acceptable for rapid publication. It would be difficult to make additional extensive changes without changing the overall aim of the paper (which was to review the possibilities of using non-invasively collected matrices in human biomonitoring).