Reviewer's report

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General
The questions put forward in the first reviewers report have received ample attention by the authors and have been incorporated in the revised version of the manuscript. Limitations of the retrospective character and the rather weak GIF definitions are highlighted sufficiently by the authors.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
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