Reviewer's report

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The changes in the manuscript only address the last and most minor issue that was raised in the previous review report.

Minor Essential Revisions
(1) The data and the model fit are essential parts of the scientific evidence that supports the main conclusion of this manuscript. Please include it in this manuscript, or include a reference to a publication that contains this evidence.
(2) Please include the specification of the best fitting ARIMA model in the manuscript, as the central argument depends on the predictions made with this model.
(3) Please include a sentence that states that the purpose of table 1 is hypothesis generation rather than assessing the statistical significance of the results.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests