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Dear Dr. Zauner,

On behalf of the co-authors I would like to thank referee Bibbi Smide for her careful review.

I address all editor and reviewer comments and list them in the original order. In the left column I list the editor’s and referee’s comments and the right column gives the changes made and explains our decisions. I highlight the changes in the manuscript by using a yellow text marker.

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I hope that I revised the manuscript according to the standard required for final acceptance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate and contact me.

With kind regards,

Albine Moser
On behalf of the authors