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First of all, we would like to thank again the thoughtful and useful comments and suggestions that we believed have been addressed in the current form of the paper.

As requested, the revised copy of the manuscript is submitted with all the changes tracked in order to facilitate review. Besides, we provide a cover letter giving a point-by-point response to the concerns.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me for any further clarifications that you may find appropriate.

Looking forward to hear from you,
Sincerely,

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