Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor Edwards,

Thank you very much for your letter and advice. We have revised the manuscript, and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. We have addressed the comments raised by the reviewers. Point by point responses to the editor’s and reviewer’s comments are listed below this letter.

We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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We would like to express our sincere thanks to the editor and the reviewer for the constructive and positive comments.

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