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Response to the Editor comments

1) Figure legends, page 19, line 397-404: We have provided figure titles/legends under a separate heading of 'Figure Legends' after the references. Figure legends are moved to this section from the main text of the manuscript and the figures are uploaded as separate files.
2) Discussion section, line 192-196, 230-232, 258-259: During the writing up of this study, we didn’t use text from previously published works. All ideas of this manuscript were generated by the authors of this manuscript. Unfortunately there is some textual overlap with the previously published works, which is mentioned in your comments. We have tried to rephrase the discussion section to minimize this overlap with other studies.