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Dear editors,

We really appreciate the reviewers’ further comments which aimed to improve the quality of our manuscript. We have now addressed the reviewers’ remaining questions. The revised parts related to the reviewers’ questions are highlighted in the main text of this manuscript. In addition, please also see the following point-to-point responses to the reviewers’ questions.

1. Reviewer 1:

1) It would be more appropriate to discuss the results in the discussion section.
We have removed the discussion contents in the “Results” section and put relevant information in the “Discussion” section.

2. Reviewer 2:

1) The authors appropriately answered the comments/questions except my fourth question (The question and the answer is shown). The answer is not satisfactory, thus this issue (a transformation by arbitrarily dividing all values with a factor of "2"). should be added as a limitation of the study.

We have added this as a limitation of this study.