Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Dr. Hamashima,

We appreciate your thorough review of our paper. We have addressed the comments in the new revision.

We use your letter as a template for our reply with our responses in italics.

Responses to the editor’s comments:

Comment #1: The authors replied adequately and revised as per reviewers’ comments. However, the revision of the writing style is insufficient. The authors should provide appropriate spacing
between words, for example, space is needed before references. Please carefully check the whole text.

Our response: Revised accordingly.

Comment #2: At first appearance, it is not appropriate to use abbreviation (Page 2, Line 10).

Our response: Thanks for the editor’s comments. Actually, we have given the whole name of the HP just before this abbreviation (page 2, line 8). Please check it.

Comment #3: Please clarify cited pages in reference No. 35.

Our response: Revised accordingly.

Comment #4: In addition, actual duration should be clarified in Page 1 Line 22.

Our response: Thanks for the editor’s suggestions. We have added the actual duration as suggested (page 1, line 21-22).