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Editor

We thank the editor for the commentaries and suggestions to our manuscript. Below, there is a list of the corrections included in the document.

1. Please include the specific contribution of co-au (Marilina Santero) in the Authors’ Contributions.

   We complement the Authors' contributions section with the following sentence: “MS provided valuable methodological suggestions and contributed in writing the manuscript”

2. Please move the figure legends to come after References section.

   We implemented the suggested change

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   The current version of the manuscript follows this recommendation.

Comments from reviewer 2:
We appreciate your revision for the manuscript. Please, find below the changes and corrections made for every point that you recommended to clarify.

1. "Overall the authors did a nice job responding to the initial reviews, I have no further substantive edits, but would recommend one final editorial pass for English language. For example, they use "littoral" which is technically correct (I had to look it up) but not a common word. Might just say "Along the Pacific Ocean". "Our study contributes with evidence" should just be "Our study contributes evidence". "In 2017, the coastal population represented 55.5% of the Peruvian population (increase in 2.5% from 2004) at the expense of Andean (31.7%) and jungle (12.8%) regions reduction." - was it at the expense of (meaning the distribution change was due to migration) or did the one region just grow more than the others and therefore the proportions changed?"

We changed the word “littoral” by “Pacific Ocean”. We changed the sentence "Our study contributes with evidence" by "Our study contributes evidence".

About the sentence "In 2017, the coastal population represented 55.5% of the Peruvian population (increase in 2.5% from 2004) at the expense of Andean (31.7%) and jungle (12.8%) regions reduction.", we changed it to: “In 2017, the coastal population represented 55.5% of the Peruvian population (increase in 2.5% from 2004), and there was a reduction in the Andean (31.7%) and jungle (12.8%) percentage of population.”