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Gregory Stevens (Reviewer 1): The authors have provided an improved manuscript with greater clarity about their purpose, measures, and conclusion. Very nice work.

We thank the reviewer for these positive remarks.

Di Xue (Reviewer 2): Table 2 should be modified as recommended.

We adjusted the table accordingly.