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We would like to thank the editor for the helpful comments. We have revised the manuscript accordingly and provided a point by point response to the comments below:

Editor Comments:

1. Manuscript section headings

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Response: We have now added a heading for "Main text" on p. 5, after the Background section.

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