

Dear Thomas Glade

Thanks very much for all your help. Here are our responses to your comments.

Comment 1: “+ Please provide for ALL maps either coordinates or a north arrow and a scale bar.”

Response: Thanks for the comment. We have added the north arrow and scale bar in all maps.

Comment 2: “+ Fig. 2: The title is not clear. Please provide a more suitable one, which explains as well the bars in the different regions.”

Response: Thanks very much. We have changed the expression of the title as “The Frequency Distribution of the Sample by Province.”

Comment 3: “+ Tab. 1: since “%” is the unit for both last columns, please delete it within the table and put it to the column heading.”

Response: We appreciate the comment. We have changed the Tab.1 as the editor suggested.

Comment 4: “+ Tab 2: Are the two decimals within the columns “mean”, “SD” and “Percent” really necessary? I would definitely delete the second decimal, if not both.”

Response: We appreciate the comment. Since all the other numbers are two decimals, we hope we can keep the two decimals to keep all the manuscript consistence. But if the editor insists that it's not necessary to keep the two decimals, the editor can just keep one decimal on behalf of the authors. We have no disagreement on this.

We noticed that the maps in the pdf file are not very clear. Thus, we submitted all the maps as supplement materials. The editor can use these maps instead if needed.