

Executive editor

We would like to thank the Executive editor for their feedback. Please find our responses (in blue) to the main points raised (shown in black) below.

I noticed that some of the figures are quite hard to read, particularly Figures 5, 8, 9 (primarily the vertical axis). I am therefore requesting that the readability of the figures is enhanced before the paper can be published.

In general, we increased the figures in size. We modified and replaced figures 5, 8 and 9 with larger font for y-axis labels and we increased them in resolution. We also introduced the sentence “For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.” to point any readers to the online version for correct colour interpretation and improved readability.