

## Comments by Reviewer n. 1 and Replies by Authors

The paper will go through copy-editing, but last remarks: 'oblast' is still left in L622 (tracked-changes version) and Table 3. Also, the unit of the second number is incorrect (should be billions). Also, indeed Figure 9 would work better with logarithmic scale. Please don't forget to rename the 'NurSultan' panel to 'Astana'.

REPLY: Thank you for your review. We have replied to the comments here below.

We have replaced Oblast with region in L516 (previously L622) and in the caption of Table 3.

Regarding the numbers in L538, the unit of the second number is now correct.

Figure 9 has been updated as per Reviewer's request. Furthermore, the "Nur Sultan" panel has been renamed to "Astana".

Regarding the editorial comments, the manuscript has been revised accordingly.

Thank you.