

Dear prof. Donovan,

Based on your suggestion we have made the following changes:

Figure 2 is still hard to read, I'm afraid. I suggest putting the numbers into a small table that forms part of each of 2a and 2b, so that the reader can readily read the numbers and see what they mean. A table for each figure with geog region, then 1783, 1784, 1785 and av would work and be easier to interpret. At the moment the figure is too busy.

Tables were added as suggested, and numbers were removed from the plots. Since it looked utterly weird to have tables for fig 2a and b, but not 2c, we added a table for that plot too.

Figure 3 and 4 would benefit from having a single, larger legend (rather than a tiny one on each graph), and larger text.

Fig. 3 now has a joint legend. Letter type was increased by 25%.

Fig 4a-j now have a joint legend. Letter type was increased by 25%.

As Reviewer 3 notes, Tables 3a,b,c are all different and should be separately labelled. To keep them on one page, please add a note to the typesetter in a comment and check at proof stage.

Tables were separated and a comment to the typesetters added to the .tex.

Please go through the paper and check that column headings in tables are capitalised

Done!

Additional changes:

We corrected a handful of typos and made some very minor textual changes, as can be seen in the track-change document.

Thanks for the helpful suggestions and kind regards
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