

Dear Dr McCormack,

Thank you for checking our revised manuscript and for your requests. We have modified the new Figure 5 so that it presents the data in violin plots – we think this is a great improvement, so thanks especially for this suggestion. We have checked our figures in the Coblis colour blindness simulator as requested and found that the interpretation of the figures is not sensitive to colour blindness. The individual lines in Figure 9 are a little hard to differentiate with some types of colour blindness; however, the overall trends amongst all transects is key in this plot, which is still not affected by colour blindness, so we hope this is acceptable. We have expanded our data availability statement to include all datasets used in the manuscript.

We hope that you find our revised manuscript suitable for publication, but please let us know if you need us to make any further changes.

All the best on behalf of the authors,

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