

Reply to reviewer 1

We would like to thank the reviewer for the constructive comments. In the following we recall the comments and we reply to each of the comments in turn (in green).

1- The study excludes wave overtopping (Andernos seafront) and river/coincidence events in the Leyre delta, focusing only on overflow. This is fine, but in several places the text could make it clearer that results shouldn't be generalized beyond that scope. Please highlight the likely direction of bias caused by these omissions (e.g., underestimation near overtopping zones, possible CAT misranking in areas with fluvial-marine interaction). Mention these limitations again in the Discussion or Conclusion.

⇒ Yes we agree that the discussion on the replicability of the method should mention this point. We have added a sentence to underline it in the last paragraph of the discussion as follows: "However, the methodological approaches and the associated conclusions regarding solution accuracy may vary depending on the environmental context, notably in wave overtopping prone areas and estuarine environments that are not considered in this study."

2- The study assumes stationary metocean conditions through the tidal cycle, supported by tests showing less than 10 cm difference in SSHmax and similar flood extents for eight events. This is useful, but the sample is small and specific to this site.

- Provide uncertainty estimates for the "<10 cm" result (e.g., confidence intervals) and, if any, show one case where dynamic effects matter, or clearly state that none were found.
- Discuss when this assumption could fail, for example, under rapidly changing winds or asymmetric surge conditions.

⇒ To detail this point we added a table with the min and max differences between dynamic and stationary simulations for the 8 reference points in the basin. This highlights that the maximum differences occur in the northeast of the basin (where the effect of strong winds on the amplification of storm surge is the most important). Domingos, being one of the most intense storms recorded, is representative (as Klaus and Fabien) of the worst situations.

3- Page 14, Line 26: The validation uses only a few historical and pseudo-historical events. Please give the exact number of cases per CAT level and per municipality so readers can see how balanced the data are. Currently, only totals are given.

⇒ The distribution of the pseudo-historical events into the CAT is illustrated in Fig. 6 (orange points). However, the caption did not mention it and the figure 6 was not referenced at this stage of the text. So, we better referenced the figure and completed it with a table indicating the number of events considered per CAT and municipality.

4- You mainly use per-node MAE and an Hmax-class confusion matrix. Consider adding flood extent metrics such as IoU/Jaccard or F1 (wet/dry) to complement these results.

⇒ Yes we agree that the analysis should be completed with F1. This has been done in the new manuscript.

5- The GP models provide predictive variances, yet the results are shown as single-value predictions. Since this is meant for early warning, please show how uncertainty affects (i) CAT probabilities and (ii) exceedance probability maps for Hmax (e.g., $P[H_{\max} > 0.1 \text{ m}]$). Even one illustrative example for M2/M3 would help.

⇒ Regarding the water levels, we introduced the uncertainty provided by the Gp models using the kriging variance as suggested.

⇒ Regarding Hmax, the uncertainty quantification requires accounting for multiple sources of uncertainty: the Gp uncertainty for the water levels, for uncertainty of the multioutput Gp models for Hmax, the modelling choices in the deep learning used for the map reconstruction, etc. This work goes beyond the scope of this study because it requires specific developments. These were analyzed in a recent paper (<https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-8758359/v1>). So we refer to this paper in paragraph 5 that discusses this topic.

6- The tri-variate extreme analysis and clustering (50 metocean types $\times$ 10 tide levels) are well explained. A figure showing the coverage of (U, Hs, SPM) space at each tide level would reassure readers that the training data cover the full range of conditions.

⇒ We are not sure to understand the question since the same 50 metocean events are applied to each 10 tide levels. So the joint distribution (U, Hs, SPM) is the same for each tide level (but for low tide coefficients only strong storm events generate marine flooding).

⇒ Do you suggest to complete Fig 2 (A) with other patterns representing the 50 events with other parameters (like Hs/SPM or U/SPM)?

7- The Klaus 2.0 and 2.6 examples are strong. If possible, include scatter plots of simulated vs. predicted Hmax (with density shading) to better illustrate spatial performance.

⇒ Yes this is a good idea; scatter plots have been added and referenced in the text.

8- The text says M2/M3 “minimise false positives but at the expense of false alarms.” Since a false alarm is a false positive, please clarify whether the models tend to over-predict (more false positives) or under-predict (more false negatives).

⇒ We mean that the models tend to over-predict with more false positives. This has been clarified in the text.

Minor Comments:

1- I see both “metamodelling” and “metamodeling” in the text. Pick one and use it throughout

=> done

2- I recommend using “covariates” instead of “co-variables” where appropriate.

=> done

3- Page 8, Line 6: Choose either “reanalyses” (UK) or “reanalyzes” (US) and use it consistently.

=> done

4- Page 23, Table 3: Replace “Recommandation” with “Recommendation”, and “prepardness” with “preparedness.”

=> done

5- Page 26, Line 18: Replace “bootleneck” with “bottleneck.”.

=> done

6- Define NGF early and keep units consistent in text and figures.

=> done

7- In Fig. 13 (confusion matrices), include overall accuracy and per-class F1; note which class accounts for most errors if possible.

8- When describing CAT thresholds (10 points), include the actual SSHmax ranges in a small table for quick reference. This will help reproducibil

Reply to reviewer 2

We would like to thank the reviewer for the constructive comments. In the following we recall the comments and we reply to each of the comments in turn (in green).

The manuscript addresses a highly relevant topic for the natural hazards and coastal risk community. It makes use of data-driven metamodels as an effort to support operational early warnings for marine flooding. The comparison of analog (M1) and meta-model approaches (M2, M3) is scientifically interesting and potentially valuable for researchers and coastal managers. Furthermore, the study is generally well structured and the outcomes are sufficiently described.

However, in its current form, the manuscript requires further clarifications and editing improvements before considering publication. My main concerns arise from the following aspects:

The authors refer to “overflowing” processes, but the widely accepted term of wave run-up is not introduced or discussed. This aspect should be clarified and integrated into the terminology of the manuscript.

=> Please see answers to comments on page 5 line 8-20

(2) Several aspects of the modeling strategy require clearer justifications, including a brief presentation of the constructed pseudo-historical events. In particular, the construction of pseudo-historical events should be better described, including the ranges of forcing parameters. Furthermore,

=> Please see answers to comments on page 7 line 11

(3) The extraction of the surge level (SPM) parameter took place at the location of the buoy located offshore (at 50 m depth) and not at the tide gauge located at the nearshore.

=> Please see answer to comment on page 6 line 5

(4) M3 method should be more clearly framed as a refinement or extension of M2, mainly improving the spatial reconstruction of flood depths rather than the prediction of flood extent or impact category.

=> Please see answer to comment on page 15 line 20

(5) The inclusion of 1000-year return period storm scenarios raise concerns, given the limited observational basis and uncertainties of the hydrodynamic parameters, and thus should be reconsidered.

=> Please see answer to comment on page 11 line 1

(6) Use of terminology, technical specifications and text editing

Detailed Comments

Page 2

Line 12: Think that this chapter should be renamed to “Methodology.”

⇒ We would prefer to keep the name of the chapter because the method is described in two chapters (chapter 2 for modeling and chapter 3 for metamodeling and performance assessment).

Line 13: This sub-chapter could be renamed to “Study Area” => done

Lines 27-28: Modify from “High Performance Computing, reduced process complexity with generalized overflowing, models or empirical formula, statistical analysis of pre-calculated flooding scenarios” to “(1) High Performance Computing (HPC); (2) reduced process complexity with generalized overflowing, models or empirical formulas; and (3) statistical analysis of pre-calculated flooding scenarios”. => done

Line 31: Exclude “finally”. => Done

Page 3

Lines 3-4 and Line 32: Use of the widely acknowledged term of “Total Water Level (TWL)” instead of “total sea levels”. Replace also elsewhere in the document. => Done

Lines 5-6: This sentence shall be replaced/modified to make more sense to the reader “If databases are often used to work by analogy”.

⇒ This sentence has been replaced by “Databases are often used, but this solution also provides possibilities”

Line 9: Add a comma or “and to” before (2). => Done

Lines 12-13 and Line 20: References listed here shall be updated. There is significant work achieved in this sector since 2020.

⇒ This part of the introduction has been updated as follows :

“ML-based metamodeling techniques have made great progresses for flood predictions (storm surge: e.g., Macdonald et al., 2025; hurricane: e.g., Irwin et al., 2025; tsunami: e.g., Ragu Ramalingam et al., 2025; estuarine: e.g., Wang et al., 2025a; river flood: e.g., Wang et al., 2025b) and opens up encouraging perspectives for marine flooding forecasting. Through a statistical analysis of pre-calculated training databases, it can predict key flooding indicators (surge, discharge, water height, etc.) at a given spatial location of interest within reasonable time and computing resources while preserving the accuracy of full process models. Yet, some issues remain to push this metamodel-based approach toward operational applications, and more specifically the production of spatialized

indicators, which is still a matter of active research (among others, Ma et al., 2022; Spiller et al., 2023; Fraehr et al., 2024; Rohmer et al., 2024a; Jung et al., 2025)."

Line 15: Replace "it can predict" with "they can predict". => Done

Line 22: Rephrase from "...forcing conditions and flood maps" to "...forcing conditions and the generation of flood maps". => Done

Line 23: Add a space before "s" (seconds). => Done

Line 24: Rephrase from "The objective is then to investigate" to "The objective of this work is to investigate". => Done

Line 27: Replace "...with needs of crisis managers" with "...according to the needs of crisis managers". => Done

Page 4

Lines 1-5: It is not clear who applied these simulations and if this is an on-line available database. Please justify. => The reference of the study (report Lecacheux et al. 2023) that enabled us to build the database has been added.

Line 6: Rephrase "In the following" with "In the following chapters" or something relevant. => done

Lines 6-11: Replace "Sect." with "Section". => done

Line 22: "NGF", the abbreviation is not defined. => the definition of NGF "the official vertical reference system to measure elevations in France" has been added

Page 5

Figure 1A: The depth scale is not well defined and shows just the 0 and 10 m values. Also, areas close to the shoreline appear to have depth values that are close to 10 m, while offshore values (close to the buoy) appear to have depths close to 0 m (instead of 50 m, as stated later at the text). Suspect that the depth scale here is wrong, please check this aspect carefully. Also, suggest including the north symbol.

=> The depth scale has been corrected (0 replaced by 50) and the north symbol added

Lines 8-20: Wave run-up is not mentioned here, a crucial component. Suggest revising this entire section, making the distinctions between wave-wind-river components of coastal flooding clearer to the reader. Suggest providing a distinction between - marine (waves, wind) and - riverine flooding. In alliance with the terminology used in your text.

=> The study excludes river contribution and wave overtopping (which is negligible on the pilot side). It focuses on overflowing caused by the static sea water level (including tide, atmospheric surge and wave set-up). That is why the study does not mention the wave run-up that corresponds to total dynamic level reached by waves (including swash).

A paragraph has been added to precise the physical components taken into account in the study : “Thus, the study focuses on the simulation of the total steel water level (including tide, atmospheric surge caused by winds and pressure drop and the wave set-up caused by the breaking of waves in entry of the lagoon) and the resulting coastal flooding. The dynamic water level (including the swash component) is not taken into account.”

Line 19: Rephrase from “in particular in” to “particularly at”. => done

Page 6

Line 5: “surge conditions”. I suspect that you refer to SPM (surge skewness) here. However, how is it possible to extract this parameter from a buoy located at 50 m depth? As surge involves the meteorological contribution to sea level (tide in this case), wouldn't it be safer to estimate this value by using the tide gauge data instead?

=> We extract the SPM at 50 m depth because this position corresponds to the boundary of the hydrodynamic model that propagates the surge inside the domain and computes the additional surge generated by waves and local winds. This position was chosen as boundary because the storm surge is independent of sea level (tide) at this point which is not the case inside the lagoon. We acknowledge that this aspect deserves a clarified description notably concerning the inputs and outputs of the hydrodynamic model. A more detailed description of the modeling components has been added in chapter 2.3 (see answer to comment on page 7 line 9-10 on the modeling method).

Line 9: Describe SPM abbreviation before using it (skew surge peak method). Please define also its calculation (is it the difference between max. sea level and max. tidal level?)

=> The definition and calculation of the skew surge has been detailed as “the difference between the maximum simulated water level and the predicted high tide level”

Line 12: Rephrase from “peak period T_p , wave directions D_p and winds D_u ” to “peak period - T_p , wave direction - D_p and wind direction - D_u ” => done

Lines 19-20: Why is SPM (surge level) extracted at the location of the buoy (50 m) and not at the location of the tide gauge? As I see it the proper methodology would be to extract the tide level (T) at 50 m depth and use this value in conjunction with the sea level measured close to the shore (tide gauge) for estimating surge skewness.

⇒ Please refer to the answer for comment Page 6 – line 5.

Line 28: Correct “then” to “the” => done

Line 30: Be consistent for the term “pseudo-historical”. Add the quotations “” also in line 21.

=> the quotations have been removed to be consistent with the rest of the manuscript

Lines 29-30: Here you state that “storms (Fabien, Klaus and Domingos) occurred at low tide coefficients”. Previously, In line 26 you state that “Table 1 shows the characteristics of the monitored 8 storms during high tide”. By checking your table it seems that indeed Klaus, Fabien and Domingos occurred during low tidal level. Please correct this paragraph accordingly.

=> The text seems correct. High tide is the time when the water level reaches its highest level during a tidal cycle. This term is used to designate this precise moment whatever the tide coefficients.

Lines 30-31, and Lines 1-2, p. 6: It is not clear how these pseudo-historical events have been created. You mention that you used the high tide of the synthetic events to construct 80 pseudo-events, but what is the range of the forcing parameters you used for this treatment and which concept was used ? Also, the pseudo_StormName_TideLevel(NGF) is not shown or mentioned elsewhere in the manuscript.

⇒ To construct the pseudo-historical events, we use the 8 historical storms (i.e. their forcing conditions characterized by parameters H_s , T_p , D_p , U , D_u , SPM) and we associate them with 10 different tidal coefficients (described by 10 high tide levels T) instead of the historical tidal coefficient. The purpose is to create new events with the same historical storms but with lower or higher tidal coefficients. The nomenclature “*Pseudo_StormName_...*” is reused in chapter 4.2 to describe the performance of the metamodeling approaches on these pseudo-historical events. To facilitate the understanding of the readers, we detailed in the manuscript the name of the parameters of pseudo-historical events extracted from historical storms or the 10 high tide levels.

Page 7

Line 2: Add full name in italic “Pseudo_StormName_TideLevel(NGF)”. => done

Lines 9-10: Need to be more descriptive on the modeling strategy you used here. Did you use the output of WW3 from Copernicus Marine Service, coupled with the UHAINA model to simulate hydrodynamics, or did you use the WW3 model itself. This should be clearly stated within the text. Also, why UHAINA model is selected amongst others found in the relevant literature. Are there any advantages compared to the usage of other well known hydrodynamic models for which some of your storms have been successfully validated in the past. Specifically, Xynthia is a well-known event that has been previously validated by several models (e.g. Xbeach).

Line 11: Be more specific to your grid resolution. Suggest to refer to the specific range of your grid resolution in meters (offshore, nearshore and land).

- ⇒ This chapter describes the modeling chain set up within the project (including a local WW3 model and the UHAINA model) to downscale conditions from 50 m depth into the lagoon and on land. These models have been chosen because they enable to resolve the physical equations needed. Xbeach was not chosen because the wave runup and the wave overtopping are not taken into account in the study that focuses on marine flooding by overflowing only.
- ⇒ The text has been completed as follows for the model description: “The marine flooding model set up for the project includes a chaining of WW3 spectral wave model (Tolman, 2014) and UHAINA hydrodynamic models (Filippini et al., 2024) that resolves Saint-Venant equations. The grid is an unstructured mesh with a resolution from kilometric offshore to decametric inside the lagoon (from 20 m to 50m) and on land (~10 m) (Fig. 3). This chain of models is forced by tidal harmonics, atmospheric surge and waves at the western boundary (that passes through the Cap-Ferret buoy) and by the wind on the entire domain. It can simulate (1) the propagation of tide, atmospheric surge and waves inside the lagoon; (2) the generation and propagation of the additional surge induced by local winds and the breaking of waves and (3) the marine flooding by overflowing.”
- ⇒ The text has been completed as follows concerning the forcing conditions: “For historical and pseudo-historical events, forcing conditions come from time-varying observations at the Cap-Ferret buoy (for waves and wind) and reanalysed data of Météo-France Arpège model (for storm surge). For synthetic events it corresponds to the set of parameters at high tide determined with the statistical analysis (U, Du, Hs, Tp, Dp, SPM) that are applied as stationary conditions during the tidal cycle.”

Lines 14-16: English check of this sentence.

- ⇒ The sentence has been replaced by “Despite the resolution of the mesh remains limited on land, the model represents the main obstacles for water flows thanks to the line constraints that represent the protection structures (dikes), the little walls, the embankments and the roads.”

Page 8

Figure 3: Suggest using a different color than the already used one for showing the box (red) to indicate the land limits of your grid.

=> the red color for the box has been changed (red=> black)

Lines 8-9: Suggest to rephrase from “consideration of temporality “ to “temporal resolution”.

=> this is not what we meant (see answer to next comment)

Lines 9-12: Be clear of the temporal resolution of the synthetic (is it hourly) and the historical, pseudo-events (what's the resolution you used here and how did you reconstruct the bulk parameters).

⇒ The forcing conditions for synthetic events are stationary on the tidal cycle. Some details have been added. See the modifications made for comment on page 7 lines 9-11.

Line 18: Replace “Concerning” with “Regarding”. => done

Line 19: Remove “also”. => done

Lines 22-24: Check the use of english here and rephrase this sentence.

=> the sentence has been clarified and split into two sentences : “The interested reader will find further information about simulations sensitivity tests in Lecacheux et al. (2023). They corroborate that (1) the modeling chain reproduces correctly TWLmax and Hmax on the ten municipalities (2) TWLmax and Hmax are mainly controlled by conditions at high tide, which justifies the use of storm parameters at high tide (U, Du, Hs, Tp, Dp, SPM) in the simulations.”

Page 9

Line 5: Suggest being careful here when referring to “more than millennial” events, concerning the span of data coverage.

=> this comment has been deleted to avoid any misunderstanding (see answer to comment on page 11 line 1)

Lines 13-14: This sentence is not clear, please rephrase “It induces that strong storm events are simulated with more tide levels than moderate ones ...”. Guess you mean “higher levels”.

=> the sentence has been clarified : . “It induces that strong storm events are simulated with more tide levels than moderate storm events (because moderate events generate marine flooding only for the highest tidal coefficients).”

Lines 15-18: How did you conclude to 220 and 32 simulation parameters for learning and testing/validation? This should be clear in the text. What are the combinations used ranges). Believe that these modeling scenarios should be submitted as a supplementary material accompanying this manuscript.

=>The 220 scenarios for the learning database correspond to the subset of the initial 500 scenarios (50 storm X 10 tide levels) that generated marine flooding.

=>The number of 32 pseudo-historical events for the validation corresponds to the subset of the 80 pseudo-historical events (8 storms X 10 tide levels) that generated marine flooding.

It has been clarified in the text as follows: “To sum-up, the learning dataset is composed of 220 simulated scenario and the validation dataset of 32 simulated scenarios (corresponding to the subset of the initial scenarios that generated marine flooding)”

Page 10

Lines 2-5: This should be moved to Lines 15-18, p.8. Also, check the use of english of the first sentence.

⇒ We would prefer keeping these lines in chapter 2.4 that describes the database with water level and flood maps ranges

Line 6: Remove “although”. => done

Lines 20-22: Check the use of english in this sentence (rephrase also problematics).

⇒ The sentence has been replaced by : “But being exposed does not necessarily mean being vulnerable. The impact of a flooding event depends not only on its severity, but also on the stakes involved and the challenges faced by crisis managers”

Page 11

Line 1: Again, I strongly disagree the inclusion of storm scenarios with a 1000-year return period. Do you feel confident to include such a scenario on the basis of your hydrodynamic forcing, based on the studied storm events? How do you justify it.

⇒ The mention of 100-year return period has been removed. The study does not intend to associate return periods to the scenarios because (1) the return period is not a key element in the operational use of flood forecast; (2) we do not have a sufficiently long dataset to precisely estimate a 1000-year return period event. The objective of this remark was to underline that we consider extreme scenarios, but we acknowledge that this can be confusing for the readers.

⇒ Now, the most extreme events of the dataset correspond to extreme storms configurations (obtained with the multi-variate extreme value analysis presented on Fig. 2 (A)) associated with high tide coefficients. Thus, even if we cannot precisely estimate the return period of such events, we are confident that they remain realistic and they must be included in the database whose purpose is to cover the range of possibilities.

Lines 12-13: 30 cm and 50 cm range of SSHmax doesn't sound logical. Think you refer to the range of differences amongst SSHmax. Please clarify and rephrase appropriately.

⇒ The sentence has been clarified as follows : “These thresholds generally correspond to increments of about 30 cm in most cases (but the increments can reach 50 cm in some cases)”

Lines 13-15: Check the use of english.

⇒ This sentence has been clarified as follows : “Figure 6 shows the thresholds of the categories for each municipality and the distribution of the scenarios of the learning database (box plots) and validation database (points) inside the categories. “

Lines 16-21: Check the use of english.

⇒ This sentence has been clarified as follows : “Even if the municipalities comprising wetlands (notably Biganos, Audenge, Ares) are more exposed to marine flooding, their urban areas and critical stakes are impacted for higher TWLmax than the other municipalities”

Page 12

Lines 1-6: Check the use of english.

⇒ The text has been replaced by: “This preliminary work highlighted the need for forecasting water levels (TWLmax) and the associated categories of impact (CAT) for each municipality first, so that crisis managers can rely on predefined action plan typologies. Forecasting marine flood maps (Hmax) should then be undertaken as a second step, in order to complement and refine the characterization of the event within each impact category.”

Lines 9-10: Max. water height is defined as Hmax. This could create confusion with sea level height. Suggest to rename this parameter to “flood depth”. Also, as Hmax is commonly used to describe the max. wave height, this can create confusion for the reader.

⇒ We would rather keep this terminology to remain consistent with other publications and avoid the introduction of mistakes in the text and figures with numerous updates.

Line 11: Rephrase from “Let us define” to “This is defined as” or something relevant. => done

Line 21-23: Check the use of english. A better description is needed here. Suggest to revise the entire 3.1.1 section, considering also the next comment.

=> The sentence has been clarified: “For given metocean forcing conditions, it consists in querying the learning database to identify the scenarios whose conditions are the most similar, and retrieving the corresponding TWLmax and Hmax maps”

Page 13

Lines 3-6: This is an interesting finding, how is this justified, is this be supported by relevant works? I'd suggest to enhance this paragraph.

⇒ In this paragraph we developed the methodology (notably through a sensitivity analysis) and we justify the choice of a single analog

Line 23: Exclude "etc." => done

Lines 10-13: Suggest to revise this sentence to be more understandable to the reader.

=> The sentence has been clarified: "On this basis, we identify, for each municipality, the analog flood map in the learning database whose TWLmax values are closest to those predicted by the GP-based model"

Page 14

Line 21: Provide the full name for RF. => done

Page 15

Lines 2-6: Be consistent with the equations format, according to the journal specs. Numbering needs to be revised for all equations.

⇒ done

Line 15: Capitalize "hmax". => done

Line 20: "(in M2 and thus M3)" – This is a point where you can state that M3 is used to improve M2.

⇒ We chose to insist on this point rather on paragraph 3.1.3 by adding the following concluding remark : "Thus, M3 can be considered a refinement of M2, as it uses the same methods to compute TWLmax and the flood extent, while improving the reconstruction of flood depth (Hmax) map through the use of an autoencoder."

⇒ Fig. 7 has also been modified, as suggested, to better describe the link between M2 and M3.

Page 16

Figure 8: Need to revise the legends shown on (A) and (B) for consistency. Also, suggest to revise the figure's caption to be more understandable to the reader. Indicate also the relevant areas shown on the map of the lagoon on panel B. The use of an arrow could be more indicative.

=> Done

* Entire Section 3.1: M3 is actually used for the improvement of M2 approach. This can be confusing for the reader. Think that this could be to represent visually through a diagram, showing also the main processes involved in M1, M2 and how M3 is nested in M2.

=> See answer to comment on page 15 line 20.

Page 17

Figure 9: As Figure 8. => Done

Lines 6-7: Check the use of english. => done

Lines 7-9: Use either (1), (2), (3) or i); ii; iii); as previously done in the text.

⇒ The manuscript has been harmonized with (1), (2), ...

Page 18

Figure 10: From the results, it is evident that Pseudo_Klaus_2.0 (Audience) error is reduced by 25%. However, rest of the “Preudo” cases (and the points) are not significantly affected. This should be highlighted in the text (before line 5).

⇒ done

Page 21

Figure 13: CAT panel (upper). As M2 and M3 share the same predictions, the results duplicated for M3 can be excluded, and instead rename the panel for “M2” as “M2-M3”.

⇒ done

Page 22

Line 2: Here you make use of the entire word “Section” instead of “Sect.” Suggest to keep it as it is and revise rest of the manuscript accordingly, where needed. => done

Line 3: Make use of “Table” instead of “Tab.”. => done

Page 23

Lines 10-18. Considering the time passed since submission, if there is any update of the outcome of the works stated here, this could be mentioned or/and used for a comparative analysis