

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your careful assessment and for highlighting the remaining issues with the figures.

We have fully revised Figures S4 and S5 following your guidance. In particular, we have improved the font sizes, aligned tick marks with the color class changes, and implemented diverging color palettes with a clearly defined central value (usually 0.0). We trust that these revisions now meet the expected standards.

Regarding Figure 8 and figure resolution more generally, all figures were originally generated at high resolution (minimum 300 dpi, typically 600 dpi). However, we observed that resolution may be degraded during the conversion of the manuscript from Word to PDF. To ensure optimal quality, we have therefore included all figures as separate high-resolution files in the supplementary materials.

We also prepared both tracked-changes and clean versions of the revised manuscript in Word format. However, due to file size limitations of the submission portal (the compressed files exceeded the upload limit at approximately 90 MB), we were unable to upload these documents. We would be happy to provide them via an alternative method (e.g., email or file-sharing link) if this is helpful.

Finally, we would like to apologize if our previous responses gave the impression of insufficient care or respect. This was certainly not our intention. We appreciate the time and effort invested in the review process and hope that the current revisions satisfactorily address all concerns.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Best regards,

Karim Pyarali