

Editor Comments and Response

- Line 219 / Figure 2 caption: Please remove the weblink and replace it with appropriate copyright information, as weblinks are not considered permanent sources of information. Thank you. We have removed the URL and cited the figure as suggested by BioRender protocol. **Line 219/Figure 2 Caption** now reads: Figure 2: Reed bed zone cross section. Created in BioRender. Williamson, M. (2025)

- Table 1: There appears to be no strong reason to split this table into two parts. With a small redesign (e.g., using a smaller font), the table could likely be merged into a single version that fits on one page.

We have adjusted font size on **Table 1** and it now fits onto one page.

- Data availability statement: The current wording (e.g., “The data used for this project is still in use...”) is not suitable. With publication, the data automatically becomes publicly available. Please revise this section to clearly describe how the data can be accessed, for example by providing a DOI to a public repository. Alternatively, the data may be included as supplementary Excel files.

We have uploaded data associated with this manuscript to a public repository and listed the DOI in our revised Data Availability section. **Line 360/Data Availability** section now reads: The data used for this project can be accessed via <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18537690> (Williamson, 2026)