

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Handling editor (N'Datchoh Evelyne Touré) and Reviewer #1 for the valuable and constructive suggestions, which have helped us improve the quality of this manuscript. We have addressed all these comments carefully and revised the manuscript accordingly. Following the Reviewer's comments in black, please find our point-to-point responses in blue. Hereafter, all new added or modified sentences are marked in blue and italic in this response.

### **Handling editor**

Dear authors,

Thank you for being patience through your manuscript revision process.

Your manuscript has substantially improved since its earlier version. It is about to be accepted, but you need to through and manage to handle the small issue on Language and other typos pointed out.

Please, once this is handled properly, your manuscript will be able to be accepted.

Regards

Response:

Dear Prof. Touré,

Thank you very much for your kind message and for your patience throughout the manuscript revision process. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort you and the reviewers have devoted to evaluating our manuscript.

Following your suggestion, we have carefully reviewed the entire manuscript and corrected the language issues and typographical errors noted during the review. In addition, we performed another round of proofreading to further improve the grammar and clarity of the text.

We hope the revised manuscript now meets the journal's requirements, and we greatly appreciate your consideration of our work.

Kind regards,

Xuelei Zhang

## **Reviewer #1**

The manuscript has been extensively revised and responds well to my previous criticisms. However, the paper needs further English editing, particularly for errors in plural/singular and verb tenses, especially in the new revisions.

There is one typo at line 279: “Statatiscal” should be “Statistical”.

Response: Thank you for your positive evaluation of the revised manuscript and for your helpful comments. We appreciate your suggestion regarding further English editing. The manuscript has been carefully proofread again, with particular attention to plural/singular forms and verb tense consistency throughout the revised sections. In addition, the typo at line 279 has been corrected from “Statatiscal” to “Statistical”.

We thank the reviewer for these valuable suggestions, which have helped improve the clarity and quality of the manuscript.