

The revised manuscript has addressed the previous concerns effectively, and the improvements have enhanced the clarity and rigor of the work. The paper is now suitable for publication, pending minor editorial revisions outlined below. With these revisions, I recommend acceptance for publication.

### **Specific Recommendations**

**Line 21:** "Trade winds" should be written in lowercase as "trade winds" unless it begins a sentence.

**Line 27:** "1.0 meters/day" should follow the same style as elsewhere (lines 106, 110, 127) in the manuscript (e.g., "1.0 m/day" or "1.0 m d<sup>-1</sup>" if metric abbreviations are preferred).

**Line 85:** "12/1983 to 9/1984" should be revised to the formal written format, "December 1983 – September 1984" (en dash), so do **Line 100**.