

Dear Editors and Reviewers,

We would like to thank you for your consideration and helpful comments on our work. We are delighted that our manuscript was deemed fit for publication in your journal. We would again like to thank all three reviewers for their comments and suggestions, our paper has benefited from them. Please find below a point by point response to the latest comments and our corresponding actions if applicable. We hope that our proposed changes will sufficiently address all of your concerns.

## Reviewer 2

Reviewer comment: Thanks for addressing my comments. Your research was very interesting.

[Response from authors: Thank you very much.](#)

## Reviewer 3

Reviewer comment: Good responses to revision requests. Well done.

[Response from authors: Thank you very much.](#)

## Guest Editor

Guest Editor comments:

1. Page 4, line 20: 'An SOM' should be 'A SOM'  
[Response from authors: This has been corrected.](#)
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[Response from authors: The source code has been uploaded to the Github repository as directed by Dr. Martinez. Our manuscript now mentions the Github repository in the Supplementary Materials section.](#)

## Editor-in-chief

Editor-in-chief comments: Realizing that several of the authors for this special issue (SI) may not be familiar with our journal, let me provide an overview of editorial requirements that may have to be addressed in your article. This is a general overview. Some of these comments may not be applicable to your

manuscript. Please check the list below and revise your article as needed.

Response from authors: Thank you for your thoughtful overview and comments.

Please find our response for each point made.

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Response from authors: All of the above have been added for each author.

2. Keywords: About 3 to 6. But do not repeat keywords in the same form / exact word order as they appear in the title. Using the full term in the title and an abbreviation as a keyword is fine.

Response from authors: We have corrected the keywords that repeated phrases in the title.

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Response from authors: The last paragraph of the Introduction section provides an overview of the paper.

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Response from authors: We have added a Supplementary Materials section, which provides the GitHub url for the source code.

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Response from authors: There are no footnotes in the paper, as far as we can see.

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Response from authors: Our references follow this format.

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Response from authors: All abbreviations in the paper have been introduced as directed.

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Response from authors: We have put the figures and the tables in the main text. Figure captions have been placed at the top of the figures.

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Response from authors: All figures were redone making sure they are meaningful in grayscale and in readable font size.

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Response from authors: We have incorporated all of the above suggestions where applicable.