**Responses to reviewers**

Reviewer 3:

* We have added a brief introduction to the SiZer graphic tool at the beginning of the "A graphic tool for evaluating aging trends" section.

We have developed our own programs to make the graphs and for the calculations of the estimators using the programming language R. These programs will be available in the future on the official page of R.

The original software was create using Matlab by J.S. Marron and it is available in his web page <http://marron.web.unc.edu/sample-page/marrons-matlab-software/>