

## **AUTHOR COMMENTS**

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We are thankful to the editor and the reviewers for their constructive comments and suggestions that helped us a lot to improve our manuscript. Please see our response to the comments regarding the technical corrections.

### **Response to the Editor:**

Editor: "... this statement can be further highlighted and strengthened by just slightly changing the wording (as a "need" not just a "potential avenue for research")."

Reply: Thank you for pointing this out. We have now made this change in our manuscript.

### **Response to Reviewer #1:**

1. The four cases (A, B, C, and D) are given in capital letters everywhere except in the first table. So, you may please capitalize them in Table 1 too.

Reply: Thank you for pointing this out. We have now fixed this issue.

2. BE is not given in the table 5, while in the appendix A says so! It has been given in Table 1 and the last table located in the appendix B, but not the table 5. So, please correct this in Appendix A, line 19.

Reply: We have now corrected this.

3. In Fig 6, the scatter plot, the axes should be exactly the same. If possible then them identical please. Although some would say that beauty is not only in symmetry, but I would say so :)

Reply: We agree. We have now fixed this issue.

4. In page 8 in the last paragraph, you have written about CSMA. You have introduced this variable as C in the appendix A which is understandable. But you had better mention the CSMA in the appendix A as well (in the appendix, we have C, Cint, Cbeg and Cmax too). You can do this in the line 6 of the appendix in the parenthesis given for the state variable or wherever you would think it is possible.

Reply: Thank you for mentioning this point. To avoid confusions, we have now replaced "CSMA" with "C" in Page 8.

5. Page 15, in the first line, in the parenthesis, it should be Case-D instead of Case-C.

Reply: That is right. We have now fixed this issue.

6. Page 21, in line 34, there is a repetition of the word "improve" in one sentence, you may use another word for the second usage of "improve".

Reply: We have now replaced the first "improve" with "adjust".