First we like to thank the reviewer for reading our manuscript.

C1 (p.863, line 4) "But in two three cases...”? Should it be "two or three cases"?

Answer: Three. Text is changed.

C2 (p.863, line5) "In case of no ..." should read "In the case of no.."

Answer: Changed.

C3 (p.863, Sentence following eq. (5)) "The token ? indicates". I could not reproduce the "token" shown on my computer and could not discover where it was in the paper.

Answer: The token "°" (small circle) appears in eq. 3 and eq. 4 as a subscription of Y.

C4 (p. 868. last sentence) Figs ??-8

Answer: Corrected.

C5 (p. 869. first sentence) Fig?? for the Upper Niger

Answer: Corrected

C6 (p. 870, first sentence) should read: "summarizes the results of the evaluation of the

Answer: Changed.

C7 (p.897) the number on the figure axes are too small to read.

Answer: Improved