Author's response for "Root mean square error (RMSE) or mean absolute error (MAE): when to use them or not"

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1 Responses to second review

1.1 RC2: General Comments

1.1.1 Comment

Second review. I remain concerned that that the author uses 'debate' when there is no formal discussion. I think this is a typical written scientific discussion which I would term a discourse. It may be suitable to use debate in places where the history is the issue, as in the abstract and introduction, but not for the papers by Wilmott and Chai & Drexler alone. I am satisfied that the author has adequately addressed my comments on the first draft. While I appreciate that he is focused on minimizing errors as a criteria for choosing between models, I remain of the opinion that what the model will be used for needs to be a consideration and some comment in the discussion would be appropriate.

1.1.2 Response

I agree, "discourse" is more accurate; will revise as suggested.

Your opinion about considering the model's use is very relevant, I think, and in some ways unresolved. I've added a brief note about this in the discussion on lines 210–218. The note is merely my own belief that its best to minimize information loss when choosing an objective function, then compute ancillary metrics as desired.

1.1.3 Revision

1.2 RC2: Detailed Comments

I have implemented all revisions suggested by the reviewer.

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