## Remarks from the preceding review file validation

Figures 1,2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and S2 may contain a territory that is disputed according to the United Nations. If and when the manuscript is accepted for final revised publication, you will be asked to choose one of the following options: (a) you could remove the disputed territory from the map and submit new figure files, or (b) we could add a statement that some figures contain disputed territories.

**Response:** Thanks for the reminder. After careful consideration, we would like to proceed with the second option, i.e., to add a statement indicating that some figures contain disputed territories.