**Editor's Comment:**

I now have had an opportunity for a closer look at the reviewers’ recommendations and comments, and the manuscript itself. The reviews are moderately positive; however, it is evident from the extensive comments and concerns—particularly the initial ones—that the manuscript, in its current state, does not meet the criteria for excellence expected of papers in this journal.

The novel and interesting topic presented in this manuscript is severely diminished by lack of introduction and poor prose.

Although this manuscript has received some positive recommendations from reviewers, it is still inadequate of publication in its current state in this journal, for two critical reasons. (1) The introduction is severely wanting. Presently, there is no introduction; although the manuscript bears a section labeled as such, the content therein does not reflect the same. The thrust of the content, as indicated by the title and data, should be introduced and justified in the introduction. What is currently presented as “Introduction” is a component of “Materials and Methods” section, and should be taken there. (2) The manuscript is poorly written, and need thorough proof-reading.

Final decision: Accept with major revisions

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