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Dear AE,
This manuscript needs major revision.
Thanks.

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Dear EIC,
The manuscript is studied, and there are some comments which should be addressed by the author. According to the comments, the document needs major revision.
Kind regards,

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Respected Sir,

First I sincerely thank you to give your precious time in reviewing the manuscript. I consider comments by you helped in improving my manuscript preparation skill. I have made necessary and possible changes as per your recommendation. Finally, once again accept my gratitude.

Yours sincerely

Corresponding author

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Dear EIC
Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.
Kind regards.

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Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.