

## **Author's response to reviews**

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Dear editor,

We have made the following revisions to the document:

1. removed line numbering.
2. all results with confidence limits now use the format: 'number; 95%CI: number, number'.
3. statements in the abstract like 'at lag 3' have been replaced by the wording 'three days later'. The abstract still meets the word limit.
4. In the equation on page 13 we have used subscripts for the beta coefficients and the 'Lag1-3'. Table 2 explains the notation.
5. All literature references in the text have been placed before punctuation marks.
6. The abbreviations are now written as a paragraph and includes an explanation that the PM subscript refers to the size range. We also include all other abbreviations used in the text and explain them when first used.
7. In 'Authors' contributions', we now indicate that all authors read and approved the final manuscript.
8. References 10, 11, 25, 13, 15, 22, 31 & 43 have been revised.
9. Figure and Table titles are now less than or equal to 15 words