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On request of the authors to make the full peer-review process transparent and especially with regard to the comments by Anonymous Referee #1 (27 February 2020), we here give a short statement about the appeal process of this manuscript. Appeals are a standard procedure in *Biogeosciences* as in any other journal, and they are always treated in the same way no matter if the author is an editor of our journal or an unaffiliated scientist. In the case of this manuscript, the authors officially sent an appeal letter to the chief editors on 9 January 2020 asking for the involvement of a third referee since the views of the two referees drastically diverged (reject/accept) and stating that they would be able to address all comments of Referee #1. Generally, we do not publish appeal letters to protect our authors, referees and editors. In agreement with the former handling editor, the manuscript was assigned to a new editor and an additional referee was involved who recommended publication of the manuscript.

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