

Associate Editor Decision:

Publish subject to technical corrections (20 Feb 2015) by Dr José M. Moreno

Comments to the Author:

*Thank you very much for the revised version, which has appropriately addressed the main issues raised during the review process. I am happy to accept now the paper for publication. I have noted a few minor corrections (typos, etc.) that need your attention before submitting the final text.*

We are more than happy with this decision!

Changes as requested are implemented in the text.

Please note that we changed the order of the authors and would like to set Kirsten Thonicke at the end of the list.

Anonymous Referee #1

*In my opinion, figure 3 was critical and definitely brings now clarity in explanations.*

We agree and also learned a lot during the preparation of figure 3 and appendix B. We are really grateful for your insisting remarks here.

*OK for SPEI, this had to be clarified too.*

This was our neglectfulness that caused unnecessary annoyance which we regret.

*I hope to have been more constructive than annoying in this long process.*

During the process, our opinion about this varied but is very clear now: you were very constructive and put a lot of effort into this review!

*Check for updates in 'in Press' or 'accepted' references if now full reference is available.*

Done.