**RESPONSE TO REVIEWER’S COMMENTS**

The article (# 8569) has been revised in the light of reviewer’s suggestions and the changes made are highlighted in red in the manuscript. The specific response to each comment is given as under:

1. Delete the word "etc" from the Abstract

Ans. The word “etc” has been deleted from the Abstract.

2. Delete "commonly known" on p.1, line 32

Ans. The phrase “commonly known” has been deleted from line 32 (page 1)

3. Replace "focused" with "evaluated" on p.2, line 23

Ans. The word “focused” has been replaced by “evaluated” on line 23 (page 2)

4. Replace "general" with "universal" on p.10, line 20

Ans. The word “general” has been replaced with “universal” on line 20 (page 10)

5. Correct "Fickion - Fiction - Fickin" to Fickian, on pages 8-9.

Ans. All the incorrect words have been changed to “Fickian” on pages 8 and 9.

6. Correct spelling on p.2, lines 1,4,8,11; p.4, lines 9,14,23; p. 7, line
8; p.9, line 8,14.

Ans. All spelling mistakes have been corrected on pages 2, 4, 7 and 9.

Additionally, the reviewer (as a comment) suggested the inclusion of error bars in the graphs if possible. However, these bars have not been included because that would reduce the clarity of Figures 4-6. It has been avoided also in Figures 1-3, because the addition of error bars to some of the figures will reduce the uniformity of presentation of results.