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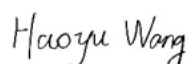
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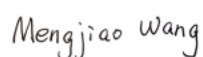
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Dear Editors,

We thank the Editor for this careful final check and for pointing out the text-overlap issue in Figure 3. We have revised Figure 3 in the resubmitted manuscript by adjusting the placement and spacing of the in-panel annotations (including the CC, Bias, and RMSE labels) to remove overlaps and improve readability in panels c, g, and the other affected panels. The revised figure has been carefully checked throughout to ensure that all in-panel text is clearly legible and consistently formatted. No data, statistics, figure content, or scientific interpretation have been changed; this revision is purely graphical and intended to improve presentation quality. The updated Figure 3 corresponds to the scatterplot-based validation described in Section 4.1 and its caption in the revised manuscript.



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