Dear Victor,

As you must have seen, two referees have submitted their reports on the revised version of your paper. The referees are the same as those of the first version. In particular, I am again referee 1.

Referee 2 recommends acceptance of the paper as it stands. I have on my side a few suggestions for improvements. I think in particular that some clarification is desirable concerning the length of the assimilation window in your numerical experiment, and on the conclusions that can correspondingly be drawn.

I thank you for having submitted your paper to the NPG Special Issue in tribute to Anna Trevisan, and I look forward to receiving the final version,

Olivier Talagrand Editor, NPG