

Response to co-editor

We appreciate the editor's comment, however we would like to keep the terminology "predictable lead time", as it is widely used in the predictability literature to mean the lead times on which an event can be predicted (Tiedje et al., 2012; Orth and Seneviratne 2013; Baehr and Piontek, 2014; Ding et al., 2018; Anna Borovikov et al., 2019).

We added an explanation to this terminology in the manuscript: Line 96: "the current predictable lead time (meaning the lead time on which an event can be predicted) of two weeks". We also added the acknowledgements to the reviewers and the editor. Thank you for your assistance during the revision.

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