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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                            | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      | <p>The sentences and index of the main text are well written and summarised. However, it is hopeful to add minor revision for the explanation of figures in the main text , in the following items.</p> <p><b>1.0 Inroduction</b><br/>Line 26; Map. 3 --&gt; Figure 3 ?<br/>Line 51; Please add some sentences to explain the main purpose of this study, and how to deal with the main problems to be issued.</p> <p><b>1.1 African Plate</b><br/>I think that this section should be the separated into the <b>Chapter 2.0</b>, and modify the title of "<b>Tectonic setting of African Plate</b>".</p> <p><b>2.0 (-&gt; 3.0) Materials and Methods</b><br/>Please insert the relational sentences to explain the Figures corresponding.</p> <p><b>3.0 (-&gt; 4.0) Discussion</b><br/>It seems to be needed the detail explanation about the individual figures (9-28).<br/>Consideration about the relationship between the geology of the distinguished terrains and characteristics of seismicity could help the readers</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                      |



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|                                         | <p>for more understanding of evolutionary history of the African continent.</p> <p>Please add the "<b>Acknowledgement</b>" section after the "<b>Conclusion</b>".</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments | <p>The paper entitled " <b>PATTERN OF SEISMICITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE AFRICAN LITHOSPHERIC PLATE</b> " is well written and organized in its context as a review article. The sentences are well written and very less revision. However, it is hopeful to add minor revision for the explanation of figures in the main text, to express more useful information for understanding to readers. It would be glad the authors could revise slightly the manuscript according as the above recommendation.</p> |  |

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