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Dear Editor Gabriele Messori,

Thank you for your assessment and for the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We have carefully proofread the manuscript and supplementary material, corrected grammatical, spelling, and typographical errors, and improved sentence clarity. We have also checked the consistency between all citations and the reference list. Revisions to the main manuscript are highlighted in the marked-up version.

Report #1 Anonymous referee #1

Comment: The revised manuscript is improved, and ready for publication after careful read through for references and grammar/spelling errors. I still would have preferred to see the focus shifted to seasonal climate for physical interpretation, but the authors have justified their use of annual climate indices and provided a link for future work. The manuscript would benefit from careful read through to check all references are included in the reference list (e.g. some of the new references are missing).

Answer: Thank you for your constructive assessment and helpful comments. We have carefully proofread the entire manuscript, including the tables and figure captions, and the supplementary material. We have corrected grammatical, spelling, and typographical errors and improved unclear wording. We have also cross-checked all citations against the reference list, added missing references where needed, and corrected inconsistencies in citation years and reference details. Revisions to the main manuscript are highlighted in the marked-up version.

Thank you very much for your time, effort, and patience in handling our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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