

Dear Matthew Switanek,

I have now received the reports from the two referees. Both reviews are very positive and recommend the manuscript for publication. I agree with their assessment that, scientifically, the manuscript meets the standards of HESS. However, there are several text-editing issues that should be resolved before I can accept the manuscript for publication. These are minor, and I have no doubt that they can be addressed within a day or two. Please note that HESS no longer offers English-language editing services (spelling, grammar, sentence structure), which means that grammatical and language errors will not be corrected during proofreading. In addition to the corrections listed below, please also convert the appendix into supporting information and submit it as a separate file.

Dear Nadav Peleg,

Thank you for your assessment. We have addressed each of the specific comments listed below. We have also made some additional minor changes to the paper. Lastly, we have moved the appendix to supplemental material.

Best regards,  
Matthew Switanek

Specific comments:

Line 4: “is” → should be “are”

Line 71: “are” → “is”

Line 175: “are” is duplicated

Line 250: “regards” → “regard”

Line 305: typo in “temperauture”

Line 308: duplicated word: “look”

Line 313: duplicated phrase: “anomalies anomalies”

Line 374: again, “With regards to” → “With regard to”

Line 385: “range between ... to ...” should be “range between ... and ...”

Line 399: typo: “valided” → “validated”

Line 403: typo: “Furthermmore” → “Furthermore”

Lines 408 and 427: “the” is duplicated

Line 425: typo: “precipiation” → “precipitation”