Editor’s comment on
A. Bayer, M. Lindeskog, T.A.M. Pugh, P. Anthoni, R. Fuchs and A. Arneth
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As editor I thank the authors for carefully addressing the issues raised by the reviewers. In particular I appreciate the inclusion of the LUH2 dataset into the revised manuscript.

For preparing the final version of your paper, I would like to point your attention to the paper by Hansis et al. (2015) that also addresses several types of uncertainties (harvest, legacy fluxes, initial state). I suggest to compare your numbers for uncertainties with theirs in the discussion.

MINOR REMARKS:

- Line 137: Since the datasets are so basic for your paper, I suggest you shift table S1 listing the dataset characteristics from the supplement to the paper itself. Or you merge it with table 1 that contains overlapping information.

- Lines 178/179: Would it be useful to name explicitly in which “several aspects” the data sets differ?

- Line 249: What is the meaning of the abbreviation “CFT”?

- Line 644: Uncertainties in emissions from land use change arising from different grid resolutions have been estimated in the paper by Wilkenskjeld et al. (2014) that you already cite in different contexts.

- Figs. 1 and 2: The grey color in your plots is hardly recognizable. I suggest to use another color.

- All Figures: Please consider whether you want to use a larger font in the figures, it may happen that in the final paper the figures are so small that labels are hardly readable.

LITERATURE:

I wish a happy Christmas!

Christian Reick