Reply to the Editor's comments (our replies are in red).

Dear authors, Dear Editor,

Thank you for revising your manuscript following my feedback.

It seems you forgot to address two minor points.

We are sorry for this lack of attention, due to our work on laptop computers with small screens.

Both corrections have been made.

As far as I know, one normalizes a quantity BY something. So if I divide a quantity by it's mean

x(i)/mean(x)

that is written as

x(i) are normalized BY their mean.

Therefore, in my last review I requested that on line 165 in the latest version of your manuscript you replace "normalized to Rmax" by "normalized by Rmax".

Similarly, on line 395 please replace "normalizes cumulated precipitation and average temperature" by "normalizes cumulative precipitation by average temperature" since in the following

 $I_DM=P/(T+10)$

P is divided by (T+10).

Finally, I think, "cumulated" should be "cumulative" but I will leave that for the copy-editors.

Again, we thank you for your vigilance.

I have suggested these as technical corrections so I don't need to see the manuscript again.

Sincerely,

Pascal Yiou and Nicolas Viovy.