

Replies to comments and suggestions: Revised 5th Apr 2017-04-14

Page 1:

Page 1: Number 1: As suggested the para break is removed. The change can be seen on line 10 page 1 in the revised manuscript.

Page 1: Number 2: This typographical error is corrected in the entire manuscript and can be tracked in the manuscript at two places only.

Page 1: Number 3: The order of the cited literature is now in chronological order in the manuscript. This can be tracked.

Page 2:

Page 2: Number 1: The text is appropriately modified in the revised manuscript. Several references have been added on page 2: line 10 and 20. Additionally redundant statements in the earlier version of the manuscript have been done away with which can also be tracked on Page 2

Page 2: Number 2: That was an unnecessary statement and had not credible support and hence has been avoided in the revised manuscript.

Page 2: Number 3: Suitable references have been included.

Page 2: Number 4: The text in the revised manuscript is modified to indicate the referred study. This appears on line 27 page 2.

Page 2: Number 5: This was another unnecessary statement and has been avoided in the revised manuscript.

Page 13:

Page 13: Number 1: The suggested changes are reflected in the new improved figure and caption on page 14 of the revised manuscript.

Page 13: Number 2: The x-axis now has the symbol for the degree C. All the text and diagrams now feature 'max' and 'min' in T_{max} and T_{min} without subscript.

Page 14:

Page 14: Number 1: The figure shows the counts and is indicated in the caption. Hence the legend is undisturbed in the revised manuscript. However, as suggested, the information on data source etc is included.

Page 14: Number 2: The acronyms of IMD, NCUM and NEPS have been expanded in each of the figure captions. It must however be noted that NCUM stand for NCMRWF Unified Model. Further expansion of NCMRWF (name of the NWP centre in India) is avoided to keep the captions brief.

Page 16

Page 16: Number 1: The improved graphic of Figure 4 now show the units alongside the legend which can be seen on Page 17 in the revised manuscript.

Page 21:

Page 16: Number 1: The Box-Whisker plots now show the legend describing the components of the box-plot. These now appear on pages 22-24 in the revised manuscript.

Page 16: Number 2: We thanks for bringing this to our notice. As suggested we have eliminated such errors in the revised manuscript.

Page 25:

Page25: Number 1: Table 2 now included the detailed information on the source of the data in the bottom of the table on Page 26 in the revised manuscript.

Page25: Number 2: We have made all the table header and all figure captions self sufficient to the extent possible.