13th May 2019

Dear Editor,

We have performed the final check of the paper (2018-263) entitled “*Contrasting large fire activity in the French Mediterranean*” which has been accepted for publication in NHESS. During the final check, we have noticed that some numbers reported in the current version of the paper are incorrect. We thus suggest a couple minor technical corrections and clarifications. Note that these corrections do not change the conclusion of the paper but actually strengthen the contrast between the western and eastern regions highlighted in our analysis. Below are the technical changes and clarifications we suggested to the production office:

* Section 3.1 – The total burned area of 112 043ha has been divided by mistake by 56 years while it should actually be divided by 57 years. The resultant mean annual burned area is thus 1965,6ha and not 2000.8ha. Note that this strengthens the contrast between the western and eastern regions we want to highlight in this paper.
* Section 3.1 - Please change to "51\_60" to be consistent with the legend in Figure 2. We also asked for a change in the sentence to make it clearer: the 21-30 and 51-60 year classes presented the largest mean burned areas. If this is not possible at this stage, please at least add "mean" between "largest" and "area" as we are referring to a mean burned area.
* Table 1 - Please change “56” by “57” and “58” by “59”
* Table 1 – Please change “312 447” by “311 447” as 112 043+199 404 is actually equal to 311 447.

We kindly ask you to approve these technical changes so the production office can insert them.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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