

Editor: Thank you for fully addressing the reviewer comments in your revision and response.

There is just one point that remains - the precipitation amounts given for each site (pg. 3 line 15 and pg. 4 line 1) are not reasonable. It looks like you are reporting a monthly precipitation that is equal to a full month at the highest daily recorded precipitation for each site? This vastly overestimates the actual monthly precipitation. Here you should choose an appropriate metric to calculate from the dataset and be specific about what it is (i.e. mean monthly precipitation, mean annual precipitation, maximum recorded monthly precipitation, mean monthly precipitation during the monsoon (June, July, August)).

Response: We are thankful to Editor (Prof. Kristen Cook) for pointing out these rainfall values that could have created a confusion among readers. Editor is right in concluding it as monthly precipitation, which was equal to a full month at the highest daily recorded precipitation for each site.

We apologise for using this value, which is not the best way to represent the rainfall scenario at this location. In view of Editor's suggestions, we have replaced these values. The updated values in the revised MS refer to average annual rainfall (Oct. 2000-Dec. 2021).