

Editor's Comment:

The manuscript needs a very deep revision, taking a real account of all the defects highlighted rightly by the Reviewers.

Among the various reasons supporting this decision:

* at first, the author provides no feed-back answer at all to the series of important critical comments of the Reviewers.

* Still more seriously, the author only makes superficial corrections in the revised version, while no account is taken of the most serious defects highlighted by the Reviewers.

- For example, Table 2 has not been revised although it is inconsistent with published references (as mentioned by one Reviewer) but the values of monthly mean temperature are non-sense as are the resulting estimates of T1% and T5%.

- Also, equation (1) is flawed and should obviously be corrected as: $lw = T + (T_x - T_n)$, instead of $lw = T + (T_x + T_n)$

- Figures 5, 6, 7 are inconsistent, as rightly pointed out by Reviewer; yet no correction has been provided.

- As still another example, not any answer nor correction are provided regarding the critical point of whether the results presented actually support the alleged trend of a temperature increase. The author has simply canceled the § "Recommendation" but the conclusion, that leads to this questionable recommendation, has not been modified accordingly, so that the issue remains untreated.

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