

Interactive comment on “The WASCAL high-resolution regional climate simulation ensemble for West Africa: concept, dissemination, assessment” by Dominikus Heinzeller et al.

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We would like to thank anonymous referee #1 for the thorough assessment and careful reading of our article. Before revising our article based on the referee's comments, we would like to make a note regarding the aim and scope of the journal and ask for an assessment of the editor.

Major issues 1 and 2 are related to the depth of the investigation of the data, in particular its added value in simulating the West African monsoon and compared to existing data sets. We recognize the validity of the concerns raised and we are certainly able to present a more detailed analysis of our data. However, as

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stated in the "Aims and scope" section of ESSD (https://www.earth-system-science-data.net/about/aims_and_scope.html), articles in the data section "may pertain to the planning, instrumentation, and execution of experiments or collection of data. Any interpretation of data is outside the scope of regular articles ... Any comparison to other methods is beyond the scope of regular articles". In light of these regulations, we would like to ask for the opinion of the editor how far we should widen our assessment of the data and to which extent we should leave this to a separate publication in a dedicated journal.

Major issue 3. We are grateful for the corrections and suggested changes. Our revised version will take these into account. Please note that we will refrain from making these changes until the open question on the depth of the assessment is answered.

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