Dear Dr Carlson,

Thank you for your comments! I have changed the text accordingly.

Small changes, subject to authors' discretion. These changes can all occur at proof stage.

Line 76,77: Resolve whether "also used for CMIP6" refers to LUH2 or to this new "land cover input dataset". Most readers will know answer but language as used allows misinterpretation.

Consequently, we developed a new LUT approach, which also accounts for changes in the distribution of natural vegetation types and urban areas, and generated a new land cover input dataset for RCMs <u>that is</u> consistent with <u>the</u>LUH2 <u>dataset</u>, which is also used in CMIP6.

Line 112: CRU is 'geographically' "out of range" or in terms of temperature terms? Former = yes. Latter I don't know without checking. Again, language improvements will clarify and assist for general readers.

The HLZs for the European domain are computed from atmospheric observations of temperature and precipitation taken from the E-OBS dataset and the CRU dataset (outside <u>the geographical range</u> of E-OBS range).

Line 673: Title "Appendix A" should appear here of at head of appendix tables on page 47?

Thank you! It is fixed now.

Thanks authors for patience and persistence!

Best regards

Peter Hoffmann