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## Interactive comment on "Downscaling ERA-Interim temperature data in complex terrain" by L. Gao et al.

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The authors state ...... "Method III and Method IV represent novel alternatives for deriving temperature lapse rates by using (global climate) model (here ERA-Interim) internal lapse rates from representative pressure levels." (p5940, 25)

However, it should be noted that similar approaches have been used before, see ....

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