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The referee's primary concern is about the influence of spatial interpolation to obtain gridded precipitation values over India, which in turn was used to obtain basin wise statistics. The gridded product was developed and quality controlled by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) (Pai et al., 2014) and has been extensively used in different statistical and hydrologic evaluations at both basin (Bisht et al., 2017; Kneis et al., 2014) and grid scale (Bisht et al., 2017; Kneis et al., 2014). As requested by the referee, we will report the number of rain gauges used to obtain the gridded precipitation product, their spatial configuration and variation with time in the revised manuscript.

We will modify the introduction section of our manuscript in line with advice from anonymous referee 1 and recommendations from Hegerl et al. (2014).

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