

Dear Prof. De Michele,

I hereby resubmit the manuscript hess-2017-572, with first submission on 21 Sep 2017:

Seasonal Drought Prediction for Semiarid Northeast Brazil: Verification of Six Hydro-Meteorological Forecast Products

The manuscript was subject only to minor revisions, following the indications by the reviewers. We expanded the explanation of the Brier score as well as the definition of the reference forecast with respect to the Brier score in page 8, lines 20 to 29. Furthermore, we corrected:

- the captions of Figs. 11 and 12
- page 5, line 26 (of the previous version)
- inconsistent abbreviations
- inconsistent subscripts

We did not replace "Sect." by "Section" in the text since HESS's manuscript preparation guidelines advise against this.

We would like to thank you for your support during the whole process.

Best regards,
Jose Miguel Delgado