

## **Review of “Comparing PDSI drought assessments using the traditional offline approach with direct climate model outputs”**

### **General comment**

The authors have thoroughly answered the points raised during the previous review round, and incorporated changes that improved the manuscript.

### **Specific comments**

1. Page 3, line 58: Perhaps it is relevant to note the variability across CMIP5 models of the ratio of transpiration over evapotranspiration, as well as its mean underestimation compared to the observational estimate provided in the manuscript.
2. Page 8, line 199: Use *least* instead of *fewest*.
3. Figure 6d: Double check. Visually, the areas in Figures 6e and 6f appear to be larger than indicated by the bar plot in Figure 6d. Also, it appears to be different than the values indicated in page 9, line 227.