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S1 Additional plots of the comparison between version 1 and version 2 cloud products





30 Figure S1: Density histograms between the version 1 and version 2 cloud fractions from (a) ROCINN CRB, (b) ROCINN CAL, (c) OCRA a priori, (d) FRESCO, (e) the NO₂ fitting window, and (f) VIIRS for Europe and the summer day (30 June 2018).



Figure S2: As Figure S1 but for the winter day (5 January 2019).



35 Figure S3: As Figure S1 but for the autumn day (20 September 2019).



Figure S4: Density histograms between the version 1 and version 2 cloud fractions from (a) ROCINN CRB, (b) ROCINN CAL, (c) OCRA a priori, (d) FRESCO, (e) the NO₂ fitting window, and (f) VIIRS for Africa and the spring day (4 April 2019).



Figure S5: As Figure S4 but for the autumn day (20 September 2019).

S1.2 Density histograms of the comparison between version 1 and version 2 cloud heights for Europe and Africa



45 Figure S6: Density histograms between the version 1 and version 2 cloud heights from (a) ROCINN CRB, (b) ROCINN CAL top, and (c) FRESCO from the TROPOMI NO₂ product (ch_fresco*) for Europe and the summer day (30 June 2018).



Figure S7: As Figure S6 but for the winter day (5 January 2019).



50 Figure S8: As Figure S6 but for the spring day (4 April 2019).



Figure S9: As Figure S6 but for the autumn day (20 September 2019).



Figure S10: Density histograms between the version 1 and version 2 cloud heights from (a) ROCINN CRB, (b) ROCINN CAL top, and (c) FRESCO from the TROPOMI NO₂ product (ch_fresco*) for Africa and the winter day (5 January 2019).



Figure S11: As Figure S10 but for the spring day (4 April 2019).



Figure S12: As Figure S10 but for the autumn day (20 September 2019).

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Figure S13: Tabular intercomparison of the correlations between the version 2 cloud fractions from ROCINN CRB, ROCINN CAL,
OCRA a priori, the NO₂ fitting window (cf_fit), FRESCO, O2-O2, MICRU, and VIIRS for China and (a) the summer day, (b) the winter day, (c) the spring day, and (d) the autumn day.

S2.2 Tabular intercomparison of the correlations between the version 2 cloud heights for Europe and Africa



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ROCINN CRB, FRESCO from the TROPOMI NO₂ product (ch_fresco*), and O2-O2 for Europe and (a) the summer day, (b) the winter day, (c) the spring day, and (d) the autumn day.



Figure S15: As Figure S14 but for Africa.





Figure S16: Density histograms between the version 2 cloud fractions from (a) ROCINN CRB, (b) ROCINN CAL, (c) OCRA a priori, (d) FRESCO, (e) O2-O2, (f) MICRU, and (g) VIIRS and the cloud fraction from the NO₂ fitting window (cf_fit) for Europe and the summer day (30 June 2018).



80 Figure S17: Differences between the version 2 cloud fractions from (a) ROCINN CRB, (b) ROCINN CAL, (c) OCRA a priori, (d) FRESCO, (e) O2-O2, (f) MICRU, and (g) VIIRS and the cloud fraction from the NO₂ fitting window (cf_fit) for Europe and the summer day (30 June 2018).



Figure S18: As Figure S16 but for the winter day (5 January 2019).



Figure S19: As Figure S17 but for the winter day (5 January 2019).



Figure S20: As Figure S16 but for the autumn day (20 September 2019).



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Figure S22: Density histograms between the version 2 cloud fractions from (a) ROCINN CRB, (b) ROCINN CAL, (c) OCRA a priori, (d) FRESCO, (e) O2-O2, (f) MICRU, and (g) VIIRS and the cloud fraction from the NO₂ fitting window (cf_fit) for Africa and the summer day (30 June 2018).



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Figure S23: Differences between the version 2 cloud fractions from (a) ROCINN CRB, (b) ROCINN CAL, (c) OCRA a priori, (e) FRESCO, (f) O2-O2, (g) MICRU, and (h) VIIRS and the cloud fraction from the NO₂ fitting window (cf_fit) for Africa and the summer day (30 June 2018). Panel (d) shows the cloud fraction map of cf_fit over the Africa region for that day.





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Figure S25: As Figure S23 but for the spring day (4 April 2019).



Figure S26: As Figure S22 but for the autumn day (20 September 2019).



Figure S27: As Figure S23 but for the autumn day (20 September 2019).

S2.4 Density histograms and difference maps between the version 2 cloud heights for China



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Figure S29: Differences between the version 2 (a) ROCINN CAL CBH, (b) ROCINN CAL CTH, (c) ROCINN CRB CH, and (d) O2-O2 CH and the FRESCO CH from the TROPOMI NO₂ product (ch_fresco*) for China and the summer day (30 June 2018).



115 Figure S30: As Figure S28 but for the winter day (5 January 2019).



Figure S31: As Figure S29 but for the winter day (5 January 2019).



Figure S32: As Figure S28 but for the spring day (4 April 2019).



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Figure S35: As Figure S34 but for the winter day (5 January 2019).



Figure S36: As Figure S34 but for the spring day (4 April 2019).

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Figure S41: As Figure S40 but for Africa.



150 Figure S42: As Figure S40 but for China.



Figure S43: Mean values of version 2 cloud heights, as a function of the across-track index, from ROCINN CRB, ROCINN CAL top and base, FRESCO from the TROPOMI NO₂ product (ch fresco*), and O2-O2 for Europe and (a) the summer day, (b) the winter

- day, (c) the spring day, and (d) the autumn day with quality, snow, and ice flagging and only including pixels that have valid values for all products.
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S4 Additional plots of the intercomparison between the version 1 cloud products

S4.1 Tabular intercomparison of the correlations between the version 1 cloud fractions for Europe, Africa, and China



Figure S46: Tabular intercomparison of the correlations between the version 1 cloud fractions from ROCINN CRB, ROCINN CAL, OCRA a priori, the NO₂ fitting window (cf_fit), FRESCO, MICRU, and VIIRS for Europe and (a) the summer day, (b) the winter day, (c) the spring day, and (d) the autumn day.



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S4.3 Across-track dependency plots of the version 1 cloud fractions and cloud heights for the globe, Europe, Africa, and China

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Figure S53: As Figure S52 but for Europe.



Figure S55: As Figure S52 but for China.



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200 Figure S57: As Figure S56 but for Europe.





Figure S59: As Figure S56 but for China.