Review by Jeff Reid:

Thank you Jeff,

That's correct, what we are showing is a "bias". We removed all references to "rmsd" in the text and relabled Fig. 8.

Specific changes:

P25, Ln. 30:

Was: "prognostic error models, we computed *rmse* and *bias* (or *rmsd*) ..."

Now: "prognostic error models, we computed *rmse* and *bias* ...."


P26, Ln. 2:

Was: "deviation can serve as a reasonable proxy for both *rmse* and bias (*rmsd*), for instance: "

Now: "deviation can serve as a reasonable proxy for both *rmse* and bias, for instance: "


P. 26, Ln 4-5:  Removed the sentence:

"This table also includes Australian continent not shown in Figure 8 for the lack of space."

because Fig. 8 was updated with Australia added.


P35, Ln. 18 (and P42):

Was: " **Table 5.** Regional linear regression model parameters for the expected error (*rmse*) and bias (*rmsd*)."

Now: "**Table 5.** Regional linear regression model parameters for the expected error (*rmse*) and bias."


P43, Ln. 26 (and P. 52):


Was: "**Figure 8.** Absolute error (*rmse*, top row) and bias (*rmsd*, bottom row) "

Now: "**Figure 8.** Bias (top row) and *rmse* (bottom row) ..."

Updated Fig. 8:

1) Replaced "RMSD" with "Bias"
2) Re-plotted *RMSE* with y-axis starting from 0 to address Reviewer's comment that "*RMSE* is a positively defined function".
3) Added Australian continent.