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## Reply on RC1

Justus Contzen et al.

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Author comment on "Variability and extremes: statistical validation of the Alfred Wegener Institute Earth System Model (AWI-ESM)" by Justus Contzen et al., Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-2021-225-AC1>, 2021

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Dear Qingxiang Li,

thank you very much for your review of the article and for your constructive feedback. We are very interested in evaluating the AWI-ESM since it is the model of our own institute, so we would very much like to keep the focus of the article on this specific model. We propose to add an appendix to the paper and follow your suggestion to evaluate the performance of other models there.