

**Editor comments:**

Dear Colin Manning and co-authors,

Thank you for fully addressing the comments of all reviewers and myself. Considering this relevant topic, your revised work with the added focus on anticyclones and blocking now provides an important contribution to understanding model spread.

I am very happy to accept your manuscript for publication in WCD. Congrats!

Please consider these two technical corrections and provide a corrected version.

Fig. 7b: correct the caption to reflect the change you made to this panel

Fig. A2: remove the remark about the grey area from the caption

Kind regards,  
Shira

**Response to Editor:**

Dear Shira,

**Many thanks for your kind words and positive feedback on our work. And thank you also for your valuable time taken in overseeing the review of this manuscript, it is much appreciated. As requested, we have made the amendments to the figure captions, and we thank you for noticing this detail.**

Kind regards,

Colin