

Interactive comment on “Fire, drought and El Niño relationships on Borneo during the pre-MODIS era (1980–2000)” by M. J. Wooster et al.

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We welcome the comment by van der Werf et al with regard to our paper, and the fact that it would be useful to further highlight the role of "human impact" on fire activity in our abstract and conclusions, in addition to the main text. We will also make reference to the suggested Field et al (2009) paper based on atmospheric visibility observations and whose results suggest that prior to the development of large-scale human settlement and the resultant land clearance activity, droughts in Borneo appear not have been accompanied by the types of large scale fires seen in the post-1980 period. Our post-1980 analysis concentrates only on the period after this 'transition'.

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