**Editor Initial Decision: Publish subject to technical corrections** (18 Oct 2014) by Dr. Tingjun Zhang  
Comments to the Author:  
The authors have made necessary changes and modifications based on the two reviewers' comments. Both reviewers' comments are minor comments and the authors have replied accordingly. I recommend the manuscript be accepted with one technical revision as follows:  
  
The usage of "mean annual air temperature" and "annual mean air temperature" are very confusing. I ask the authors to make change as follows:   
  
Change "mean annual air temperature" as "long-term mean annual air temperature". The authors can keep the other usage as is.   
  
Otherwise, the paper should be accepted for publication.

**Response:**

Agree and revised the terms “mean air temperature” (in Line 20, page 2) to “long-term mean annual air temperature”.