Associate Editor Decision:
Publish subject to technical corrections (20 Feb 2015) by Dr José M. Moreno

Comments to the Author:
Thank you very much for the revised version, which has appropriately addressed the main issues raised during the review process. I am happy to accept now the paper for publication. I have noted a few minor corrections (typos, etc.) that need your attention before submitting the final text.
   - We are more than happy with this decision!
   - Changes as requested are implemented in the text.
   - Please note that we changed the order of the authors and would like to set Kirsten Thonicke at the end of the list.

Anonymous Referee #1

In my opinion, figure 3 was critical and definitely brings now clarity in explanations.
   - We agree and also learned a lot during the preparation of figure 3 and appendix B. We are really grateful for your insisting remarks here.

OK for SPEI, this had to be clarified too.
   - This was our neglectfulness that caused unnecessary annoyance which we regret.

I hope to have been more constructive than annoying in this long process.
   - During the process, our opinion about this varied but is very clear now: you were very constructive and put a lot of effort into this review!

Check for updates in 'in Press' or 'accepted' references if now full reference is available.
   - Done.