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Modelled glacier equilibrium line altitudes during mid-Holocene in the southern mid-latitudes C. Bravo, M. Rojas, B.M. Anderson, A.N. Mackintosh, E. Sagredo, and P. Moreno

The authors have carefully and successfully reorganized their paper. It has now become an interesting, well focused and useful contribution towards a better understanding of the mid-Holocene climate and glacial history of the southern mid-latitudes. Congratulations.

A few minor suggestions may be considered before publishing the paper in CP:

- 1. Page 3 lines 3-5. The details given for this study are a bit decoupled from the else more general summary of glacier dating in the study areas. I would leave such details for chapter 4.4.
- 2. P 3, I 14: remove the comma.
- 3. P 3, I 17: either "the/a hypothesis" or "hypotheses"
- 4. P 4, I 2: Here seems to be the right pace to add the necessary information on why the Pre-Industrial period is chosen as reference.
- 5. P 4, I 3 5: the sentence is a bit awkward; a comma after (MH hereafter) may help.
- 6. P 5, I5 and 9 14. I would just say "regional ELA" in line 5 and remove the sentence in lines 9 14. One cannot expect individual ELAs anyway when using regional model output without downscaling to high resolution local scale.
- 7. P 5, I 17 18: I would remove the statement about the absolute values because it is neither convincing (given the lack of precise ELA assessment for the PI) nor relevant for the study.
- 8. P 5, I 22 23: This sentence is superfluous and can be removed.
- 9. P 6, I 19: add runoff to melting; only both together contribute to ablation.
- 10. P 10, I 28: Start the sentence as "PI-ELA estimates ..." for clarity.
- 11. P 11, l 1: do you refer to "present day" observed values or reconstructed (from moraine observations) PI values?
- 12. Figures 7 and 8: insert fonts are too small