

We would like to thank the two anonymous referees for providing us with constructive comments and suggestions. We would be including them in the revised version of the manuscript. As pointed out by referee # 1, a more detailed examination of the possible physical mechanism and dynamics will be included in the discussion of the revised manuscript. Also, an in-depth analysis of the seasonal behavior of Southern Hemisphere Westerly Winds (SWW) would be added to see the robustness of the results as suggested by referee # 2. More focus will be given to identify the influence of internal variabilities and also the initial state of the sensitivity experiments. The other general comments (figure captions, citations) pointed out would also be considered for the revised manuscript.