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Dear authors, I believe you missed some relevant references about studies on past drought, mostly from Europe. A synthesis can be found in: Stahl, K., Tallaksen, L.M. and Hannaford, J. (2018): Ch. 1.2 Recent Trends in Historical Drought, In: Iglesias, A., Assimacopoulos, D. and Van Lanen, H.A.J. (Eds.) (2018): Drought: Science and Policy. Wiley Blackwell, 258 pg. (<https://www.wiley.com/en-nl/Drought:+Science+and+Policy-p-9781119017073>). I suggest to read the following:

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Dear Dr. Van Lanen, We would like to thank you very much for your interest in our paper in *Climate of the Past Discussion*. You provide a really comprehensive and exciting list of papers devoted to droughts from a hydrological point of view. These should surely be cited in a standard paper dealing with droughts based on instrumental data. However, that is not the focus of this article. As is mentioned on page 2, lines 37-39 (“The aim of this article is to present the state of the art for spatio-temporal analyses of droughts derived from documentary evidence for a special issue of the *Climate of the Past* entitled “Droughts over the centuries: What can documentary evidence tell us about drought variability, severity and human responses.”), our overview paper concentrates only on droughts which are identified based either completely or at least partly on documentary data (see the list in Section 2). We checked all of the papers you listed and did not find any that are based/working on/with documentary data in the sense of the definitions in Section 2. Once again, we express our great appreciation to your effort related to collection of all above references. With many thanks, the team of authors

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