

The paper is very interesting and gives a relevant contribution in the field of past climate studies.

Some its parts should be slightly reorganized, some other enhanced.

In particular:

1.2, line 20: the kind of material should be better specified and described, dividing in modern compilations/studies and past direct sources; 80-86: the choice should be further explained and deepened, considering other possible criteria.

1.3. All this paragraph is quite poor and unclear. More, and more precise, explanations are needed.

2.2: this paragraph is interesting, but unbalanced in length with the others, and (even if) less relevant to the topic in the title.

2.1.1, comment on figure 2: do the authors exclude any social/political conditioning in the exceptional rise in number of mills in Dobrzyn area?

Figure 9: filling the circles of the legenda with related colors used in the graph would make it clearer.

About the language, see comments of Referee 1.