Interactive comment on “Constraining the temperature history of the past millennium using early instrumental observations” by P. Brohan et al.

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This review echos some comments made by G. Schmidt about GCM comparisons and volcanic forcing - we have responded to these separately.

The reviewer also wishes for more information about the spatial and seasonal patterns in the response to the volcanic eruptions. We share this interest, and are actively trying to follow this work by collecting more observational data for the periods around the major eruptions to understand their spatial and circulation effect. It's outside the scope of this paper, however.

The review also suggests two papers to be added to the reference list, we will add these in a revised version.

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