

## ***Interactive comment on “Global fire activity patterns (1996–2006) and climatic influence: an analysis using the World Fire Atlas” by Y. Le Page et al.***

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I find the description on clusters (end of section 3.3) and the cluster analysis (section 4.2) unclear. Particularly I am not 100% clear on what is exactly shown in Figure 9. Is this now only showing the anomalies in temporal behaviour of fires for different clusters or actually showing the temporal behaviour itself for the different clusters ?

I presume the idea with the clusters is that you look at regions with similar temporal behaviour ? It would be helpful if you can just state what the clusters actually represent.

Figure 6 : what does this now mean ? Maybe this figure can be skipped, or at least it is unclear to me what crucial information this figure gives.

Section 4.2 first sentence : should 'spatio-temporal' not just be 'temporal' as you already say you cluster areas ?

Section 5.2 p.15 line 15 : the sentence 'Agricultural ...' is not correct.

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