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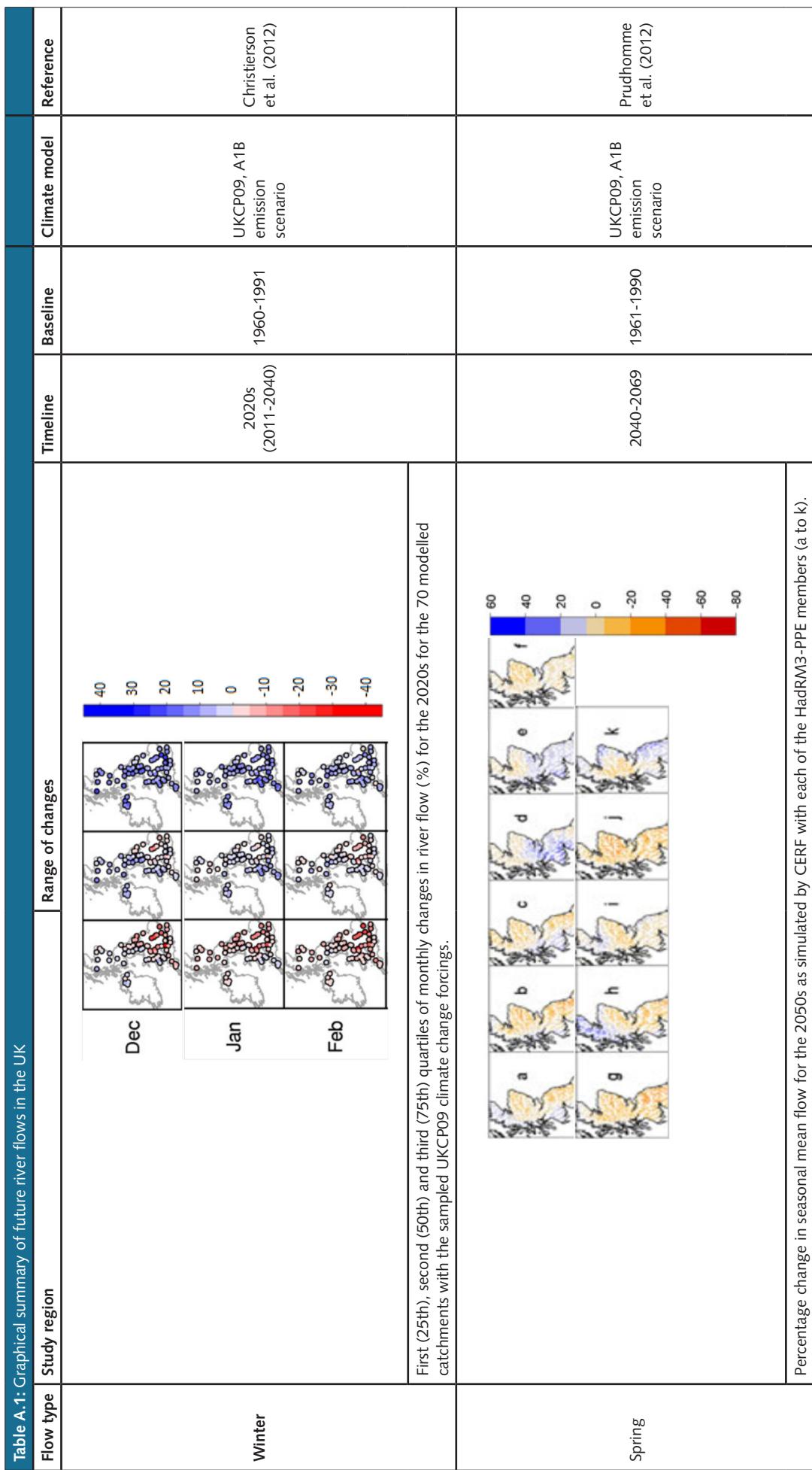
Flow type	Study region	Range of changes	Timeline	Baseline	Climate model	Reference
	Scotland	5% to 15%	2050s	1970-1996	UKCP09, A1B emission scenario	Werrity (2002)
Annual			2020s (2011-2040)	1960-1991	UKCP09, A1B emission scenario	Christerson et al (2012)

Distributions of changes in mean annual flow (%) for the 2020s for the 70 modelled catchments with the sampled UKCP09 climate change forcings. Blue and red colours in the violin plots indicate the position of the distribution with respect to zero.

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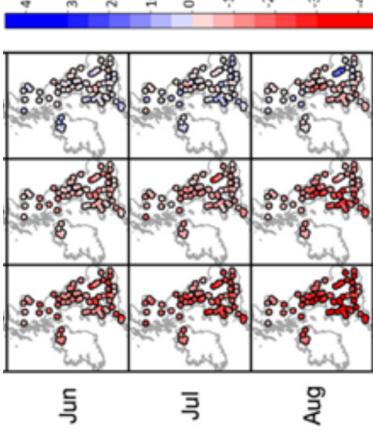
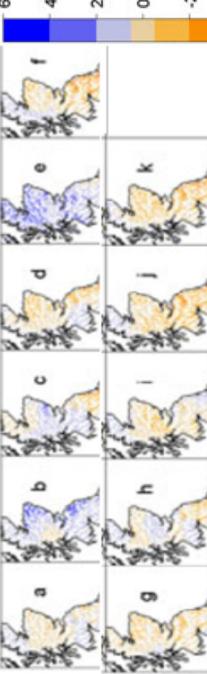
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