

Supplementary Fig. S3. Sensitivities of the projected peak warming by 2100 to key parameters in

the model. Peak warming by 2100 is projected when initiating a strong incentive for mitigation in a set of sensitivity experiments, which vary the rate of learning  $(L_R)$  (a), atmospheric lifetime of  $CO_2$  ( $\tau_L$ ) (b), time of lag in the response of global warming to  $CO_2$  emissions ( $\tau_R$ ) (c), the threshold of global warming to cross catastrophic tipping points in the climate system  $(T_{50})$  (d), the maximal climatic damage caused by crossing catastrophic tipping points as a percentage to GDP ( $d_c$ ) (e), the elasticity of substitution between energy and non-energy inputs ( $\sigma_Y$ ) (f), the elasticity of substitution between fossil fuel and renewable energy ( $\sigma_E$ ) (g), the rate of growth in the productivity ( $k_p$ ) (h), capacity of backstop technologies abating emissions at a cost of \$100 per tCO<sub>2</sub> (i), and the abrupt increase in energy-use efficiency over 2025–2050 ( $k_u$ ) (j). The impact of varying each parameter is estimated separately while keeping other parameters unchanged ( $L_R$ =10%,  $\tau_L$ =400 years,  $\tau_R$ =10 years,  $\tau_S$ =2 °C,  $\tau_S$ =2.50%,  $\tau_S$ =0.5,  $\tau_S$ =2,  $\tau_S$ =1% y<sup>-1</sup>,  $\tau_S$ =0, and  $\tau_S$ =0, and  $\tau_S$ =10.