

The authors have followed most of the recommendations and the manuscript has been significantly improved. Below I list a few minor comments while reading the revised version of the manuscript. I suggest that this manuscript can be accepted after minor revision.

Line 49, influenced by the westlies and the the East Asian summer monsoon (EASM).

Line 119-121, this sentence should be reorganized.

Line 152-153, As a result, vegetation cover in this region is characterized by pronounced interannual variability.

Line 543, The southward movement of the cold air is also correspondingly weakened.

Line 555, please change “wrote” into “stressed” or “indicated”

Line 556-558, When the westerlies become stronger (weaker), the high precipitation zone moves northwestward (southeastward).