

The authors have incorporated most of the comments I had on the initial manuscript, and I think this revised version is an improvement, and I recommend publication following a minor revision. In places the revisions are not particularly well-embedded within the original text, and some more careful editing is required.

Line 25: 60% of the annual flow as measured where?

Line 33: 'The prediction' rather than 'The predictability'

Line 34: SST not defined

Line 36: () missing around reference? This is the case in several places

Line 41: 'These correlation' this is presumably referring to the correlations found in Eltahir (1996), but it now appears as if it is referring to ElSanabary et al. (2014)?

Line 86: '...investigate the strength of the teleconnections...'

Line 106: '~~In comparison to~~ An earlier studyies, by ElDaw et al (2003) used SST indices...'

Line 112: Delete 'Here'

Line 114: Replace 'However' with 'In contrast'

Line 1999-: 'predicted by three different a linear regression models using either ENSO averaged from September to November (Figure 4a) ~~and~~ or SIO August (Figure 4b) , or both (Figure 4c) as covariates.

Line 120: SOI not defined (I think)

Line 147: 'The four different modes are identified...in {Table 1} and a new set of simple regression models fitted.