

Interactive comment on “Annual canopy interception at artificial lowland tropical forest” by A. B. Azinoor-Azida and L. Minjiao

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Dear Authors,

after receiving three in-depth reviews, I must, unfortunately, let you now that the paper in present form should be rejected.

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It is tough questionable if this can be done without further field work in order to be able to answer to some reviewers' comments (water evaporation from collectors, linear processes (?) since using linear regression models, low values for stem flow, ...). It will be maybe good to prolong the field data series for another year with definite improvements in field techniques (how you perform field experiment).

I would suggest to you to go through the reviewers' general and specific comments and see if you could re-submit the manuscript, which may not be possible with regard to some comments, i.e. that the model validation was done using another model and not as usually only by using (own) measured (field) data.

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