

## ***Interactive comment on “Nested-scale discharge and groundwater level monitoring to improve predictions of flow route discharges and nitrate loads” by Y. van der Velde et al.***

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Dear Dr. van der Valde and colleagues,

I really invite the authors to follow the reviewer’s suggestions. Both suggested minor revisions. However, both stressed the need to remove the short section relative to the nitrate concentration/flow simulations due to the excessive. Seen from the outside, the assumption of constant nitrate concentrations of end members sound excessively simplistic. I believe that the hydrological section is by far the most relevant and interesting contribution of this paper. Therefore the removal of nitrate section will not undermine

the significance of your manuscript.

Sincerely,

Andrea Butturini

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