

## ***Interactive comment on “Coupled decadal variability of the North Atlantic Oscillation, regional rainfall and spring discharges in the Campania region (Southern Italy)” by P. De Vita et al.***

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We appreciate the Reviewer for recognizing the novelty of the research as a first study of the effect of the NAO on the groundwater circulation of regional aquifers in Mediterranean areas. Moreover we are grateful for the suggestions of the Reviewer that will allow us improving the manuscript. According with the principal observation of the Reviewer, we intend to simplify the manuscript giving it a more concise structure even if trying to preserve the conceptual approach. Moreover we will eliminate all the acciden-

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tal similarities between the text of our manuscript and that of Lorenzo-Lacruz (2011) except for the common references. We will try to give more information on surface hydrological features and aquifer exploitation as well as more information regarding the gathering of spring discharges data. According to the suggestion of the Reviewer, we will add a specific section to discuss the main results achieved and the relationship with the existing literature. We will take in account all other specific comments indicated by the Reviewer.

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