

Interactive comment on “Critical review of the application of SWAT in the upper Nile Basin countries” by A. van Griensven et al.

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The manuscript provides a good and useful scientific work evaluating the use of the popular SWAT model for the upper Nile basin. The authors provide different criteria for model evaluations that go beyond the standard fit-to-observations approach. They also set recommendations for future modeling studies and their description in journal papers. All comments received are very positive and praise this review study and its scientific contribution. A few suggestions have been made by the reviewers that could improve the manuscript, mainly textual changes and some references to be included. After the authors will properly address these comments the manuscript will be ready for publication in HESS.

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