

## Our Response to Editor's comments

Comments:

Thanks for your careful revisions. As one final remark, I would like to make you aware of one recent paper, which might be useful to refer to:

- Blume, T. and van Meerveld, H.J. (2015), From hillslope to stream: methods to investigate subsurface connectivity. *WIREs Water*, 2: 177–198. doi:10.1002/wat2.1071

However, I leave the decision on this to you.

**RESPONSE:** We thank the Editor for bringing the useful reference to our attention. We have now cited the recommended reference in our manuscript.

Line 444: "The connectivity between surface and subsurface waters and the associated hydrologic and ecological functions are spatially variable and temporally dynamic (Blume and van Meerveld, 2015)."