Interactive comment on "Evaluation of GPM IMERG Early, Late, and Final rainfall estimates with WegenerNet gauge data in southeast Austria" *by* Sungmin O et al.

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This manuscript provides a detailed evaluation of the three available IMERG products using a high-resolution rain gauge network in Austria. These products have recently become available to the (hydrological) user community, following the launch of the GPM core satellite. Careful evaluations such as the one presented in this manuscript are of great value to end-users wanting to employ these products in (hydrological) applications. In that sense, the manuscript is both timely and topical and I recommend its publication in HESS following minor revisions.

Basically, I have little to add to the review reports submitted by the other referees, to

which the authors have responded in a satisfactory manner, as far as I am concerned. The authors are apparently unaware of a recent evaluation of one of the IMERG products over The Netherlands, see "First-Year Evaluation of GPM Rainfall over the Netherlands: IMERG Day 1 Final Run (V03D)" by Rios Gaona et al., published in Journal of Hydrometeorology (2016). Perhaps that paper contains relevant material for the authors to compare their results to. This is particularly relevant if the authors want to discuss the applicability of their results to other regions, an issue referred to also by one of the other reviewers.

Finally, I look forward to seeing an actual hydrological evaluation of the IMERG products considered by the authors, e.g. used as forcing in rainfall-runoff models of one or more river catchments in Austria.

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