

Comments on “Stream flow simulation and verification in ungauged zones by coupling hydrological and hydrodynamic models: a case study of the Poyang Lake ungauged zone” by L. Zhang et al.

The authors improved the manuscript and the methodology is clear for me now. However, there are still some obvious typos, errors and some statements are still unclear. What’s more, I still remain my concern about the significance of this study and the results. The purpose of this study is to verify the streamflow simulation in ungauged zones surrounding the large water bodies by coupling hydrological and hydrodynamic models. However, I don't think the current results could achieve this goal because the error for the adjusted scenario is still as high as about 10% (Lines 23-25). How do authors prove this 10% error is not caused by the bad performance of SWAT model in the ungauged zone? Therefore, I still cannot recommend publication in HESS for this version of the manuscript and my specific comments are listed below:

1. When authors address reviewer’s comments, I highly recommend authors highlight the revised paragraph for addressing each comment. It’s more professional and convenient for reviewer to judge whether each comment has been addressed. For example:  
Reviewer’s comment (one paragraph)  
Authors’ response (one or more paragraphs)  
Revised paragraph of manuscript (Lines\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*): “paste the revised paragraph or sentences”
2. Are the parameters of hydrodynamic model for the adjusted and original scenarios the same? If yes, how to set up/calibrate the parameters? If no, why?
3. How the water yield is defined or computed in this study? The water yield is defined as the difference between precipitation and evapotranspiration. It’s not the equivalence of the streamflow, especially for short time period.
4. Lines 240 – 242: grammar error. Please double check.
5. Lines 246 – 247: I don’t agree with this statement. If the simulated streamflow is wrong or the performance of SWAT is bad in ungauged zone, I think the  $\varepsilon_{adj}$  should include the uncertainties in the simulated streamflow in the ungauged zone.
6. Caption of Figure 8, please clarify the annual water yield from which part of the study area.
7. Line 292: Replace “Fig.8 (b)” with “Fig. 8”.