

**Review of hess-2018-459 “Distributive rainfall/runoff modelling to understand runoff to baseflow proportioning and its impact on the determination of reserve requirements of the Verlorenvlei estuarine lake, west coast, South Africa” by Andrew Watson; Jodie Miller; Manfred Fink; Sven Kralisch; Melanie Fleischer; Willem de Clercq**

**Reviewer: Dimitrios Stampoulis**

**Recommendation-** Accepted subject to technical corrections

**General Comments-** I am still not satisfied with the literature review the authors have conducted, as on the one hand one citation (one of the authors’ recently published article) is repeatedly used in many cases, while on the other hand I believe that the authors can do a better job further enhancing their literature review. Nevertheless, all of my previous concerns have been adequately addressed by the authors, and the paper should now be acceptable for publication, following minor revision, focusing on the aforementioned comment and the minor corrections indicated below:

**Technical Corrections-**

- 1) Line 30 remove “the” after “Of these,”
- 2) Line 33 same after “Instead,” and after “baseflow.”
- 3) Line 43 The length of dry cycles is likely to
- 4) Lines 54-56 Awkward sentence; please rephrase
- 5) Lines 88, 89 “set up” and not “setup”
- 6) Line 157 remove “the” before “Krom Antonies” – the authors need to make sure that this will be done for all similar cases throughout the text
- 7) Line 167 I do not have expertise in the relative field, but perhaps MG could be defined here
- 8) Line 557 remove “on”
- 9) Line 674 modeling