COVER LETTER

Dear Editor,

Thanks a lot for your prompt handling of our resubmitted manuscript.

We fully understand the concern of ensuring maximum consistency between the scope of the paper and that of the journal Therefore, we have now incorporated a number of changes to make clearer the links between our study and the main themes of HESS.

Mainly, we have included extra keywords and sentences, using wordings such as: "small-scale flow processes", "urban hydrological models", "low impact development", "parametrized in urban hydrology models". We have also added 4 new references to papers published recently in HESS.

We hope that this will improve the discoverability of the paper for colleagues involved in flood risk modelling.

Best regards,

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