

My comments on the manuscript “Impacts of land use/cover change and reforestation on summer rainfall for the Yangtze River Basin” have largely been handled.

There are still English mistakes, but it doesn't affect the readability of text much.

I do believe that the paper would be more impactful if the authors made more of an attempt to understand the differences between the 20% forest cover scenario and the 50% forest cover scenario. Why would the 20% scenario produce larger changes than the 50% scenario? The surface fluxes look similar across the different scenarios, but the surface temperature and relative humidity are quite different (and even opposite in sign). The authors allude to perhaps changes to horizontal wind, but this would be very interesting if they chose to discuss this further. The authors might look to Eiras-Barca et al., 2020 (doi: 10.1111/nyas.14364) for inspiration as this study looks at deforestation and assesses moisture transport and surface roughness changes as a result.