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Responses to the Editor Thom Bogaard:

Thank you for your letter and comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Effects of passive storage conceptualization on modelling hydrological function and isotope dynamics in the flow system of cockpit karst landscape". We have revised the manuscript according to your comments.

Thank you for your editorial work.

Sincerely,

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Q: Dear authors, thanks for the revision. Thanks for the corrections. I went through the paper and think it is ready for publication except for 1 technical correction. You are using quite a lot of parameters/variables that you abbreviated with two or more letters (PE, wm, ks, WMM, EX, ke, WU, EXM, etc). This we try to avoid as they are confusing (and also incorrect although done often in our literature): wm is w multiplied with m....etcetera). Also I noticed that sometimes it is not clear if it is ks or k_subscript_s). So please replace them with 1 letter symbols and some subscripts. Also do a proper typesetting for the subscripts to prevent misinterpretations). This also holds for some formula's typed in sentences. Please check. Abbreviation like DS, HS, HF, DF etc can remain, they are abbreviation for words, not part of an equation. (Idem KGE)

Reply:

We thank the editor for his valuable comments and suggestions.

We have modified the symbols of all parameters and variables that may cause misunderstanding, as listed in Table S1:

Table S1. Summary of changes in the symbols of parameters and variables

Parameters/Variables		Meaning
Original symbol	New symbol	
wm	W_m	mean storage capacity
wm’	$W_{m'}$	areal mean tension water storage at *f*
WMM	W_{mm}	maximum value of $W_{m'}$
PE	Delete	net precipitation
Ep	E_p	potential evapotranspiration
WU	W_U	moisture storage consisting of active storage *W* or mobile water (Sprenger et al., 2017; Sprenger et al., 2018) and passive storage W_P
EX	E_X	flux between fast flow and slow flow reservoirs
EXM	E_{XM}	exchange mass between the slow flow and fast flow reservoirs
EGM	E_{GM}	mixing of the solute between the active and passive storages for the slow or fast flow reservoirs
kc	k_c	coefficient for evapotranspiration
ks	k_s	ratio of water yield into slow flow reservoir
ke	k_e	exchange coefficient between slow and fast flow reservoirs
ηs	η_S	outflow coefficient of slow flow reservoir
ηf	η_F	outflow coefficient of fast flow reservoir
ls	l_s	coefficient of evaporation fractionation

In addition, we use “×” to represent the "multiply" sign to avoid misunderstanding.

Please refer to pages 19-29 lines 257-449 (**Section 3**), pages 33-34 lines 498-525 (**Section 4.2**) and page 40 lines 633-640.