

## Response to feedback from the editor

Thank you for your quick response again. We indeed would like to elaborate a bit more on what the consequence could have been by including air temperature explicitly in the regression analysis.

We therefore have adjusted the following text:

**P14.L1:** *“It should be reminded that air temperature was not explicitly included in the regression analysis as explained in Section 2.5. We expect that including air temperature as a separate dependent variable might have explained a part of the evaporation dynamics, since air temperature affects surface temperature through the sensible heat flux. In turn, the surface temperature affects the vapour pressure gradient and thus evaporation. However, due to the large thermal buffer of a water body we expect that there is a less direct coupling between the sensible heat flux and the latent heat flux at short timescales.”*