

I have reviewed this second submission and am pleased to see the authors' response. Most of my comments are either editorial or require clarifications.

L. 11: "hydroclimatic forecasting" -> "precipitation forecasting"

I think that the word "hydroclimatic forecasting" is beyond the scope of this study. The authors should focus on precipitation forecasts. Same remark at L. 27, L. 28, et al.

L. 36: ~~"the generation of skilful precipitation forecasts remains a challenging task."~~

L. 75: "start"-> "initial", same remark at L. 75, L. 81, L. 101, L. 103, L. 107.

L. 92: "monthly Nino3.4 is" -> "monthly Nino3.4 index is"

L. 328: ~~The~~ other eight subplots

L. 433: Journal title is missing, Same remark at L. 437, L. 453, L. 506, L. 508, L. 524, L. 533, L. 535, L. 544, L. 547, L. 557, L. 570, L. 572.