**Interactive comment on “Water resources change in response to climate change in Changjiang River basin” by Y. Huang et al.**

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This review states at the very beginning: "Since this paper, as a discussion paper, is primarily about facts, rather than theories, calculations, theoretical results, etc.".

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