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Integrating spatial and temporal probabilities for the annual landslide hazard maps in Shihmen watershed, Taiwan

Responses to comments raised by Reviewer 2

Comments	Responses
The title of the manuscript is partially pertinent to the	Thanks for the comment, we modified the title of the
topic, and the authors don't cite the landslide size	manuscript as "Integrating spatial, temporal, and size
probability that is evaluated in the work to assess the	probabilities for the annual landslide hazard maps in
landslide hazard.	Shihmen watershed, Taiwan."
The abstract results ambiguous and generic when the	We are sorry for our inaccuracy expression, those
authors describe the process of evaluation of effective	sentences were revised. Additionally, we added the
intrinsic and extrinsic factors and the authors don't	basic information about study area in the abstract.
mention the study area.	basic information about study area in the abstract.
In the introduction the authors, after a long	Thanks for the comment, we added our work and
description of the background about the landslide	news in that paragraph.
hazard topic, present their work too shortly, without	
highlighting the news of their experiment.	
The manuscript is not well organized; in my opinion	Following the comment, the sections were re-
the study area should be presented at first and the	organized well. Additionally, the GIS-based
available data both intrinsic and extrinsic factors	hydrologic analysis and modeling tool, Arc Hydro
should be described precisely, and the landslide	(David, 2002), was used to divide the watershed into
inventory that the authors managed must be	slope units.
illustrated more accurately. The methodology section	*
should be postponed after the presentation of the	
study area and data and including the procedure for	
screening the variables. The methodology should be	
comprising the description the subdivision of the	
study area in slope units the authors should clarify	
which software GIS they've used to perform this	
subdivision.	
The Conclusions are generic and the author don't	Thanks for the comment, we modified some sentenc-
present any new findings, the authors present the	es and added our news in that paragraph.
possible future works without a previously discussion	
about a connection between the landslide distribution	
and sediment transport.	
The new finding regards the evaluation of the	Following the comment, the meaning of the landslide
landslide spatial probability that is derived by using	ratio was added in Section 3.1. while the relationship
relationships between the landslide ratio and the	equation used in this study was added in fig. 7.
susceptibility index. The lack consists in a scarcity of	
reference regards the meaning of the landslide ratio	
and in the absence of the relationship equation.	
The introduction of the landslide ratio in the	Following the comment, the meaning of the landslide
evaluation of the spatial probability must be	ratio was added in Section 3.1. while the relationship
explained clearly, the authors have to do reference	equation used in this study was added in fig. 7.
and must indicate the relationship equation used to	
calculate the landslide spatial probability.	
The evaluation of the temporal probability using the	Thanks for the comment, the multi-year landslide
Poisson model is a standardized methodology, but it	inventory in Shihmen watershed was added in Table
is not clear which temporal interval the Multi-	1. The inventory covers the temporal interval of 15
temporal inventory covers and how the authors per-	years from 1996 to 2009. After summing the
form the calculation of the mean occurrence probabil-	landslide count in each slope unit from 1996 to 2009,
ity or the mean recurrence interval. The validation of	the mean recurrence interval of each slope unit was

temporal probability is not clear; the author must describe how they calculate the mean recurrence interval for the rainfall events used to validate the one-year probability. Do they have event landslide inventory map?	calculated.
In the section 3.3, the selection of extrinsic triggering factors is based on a geostatistic analysis; the authors should present a figure showing the geographical distribution of the rain gauge stations and an histogram and cumulative graph that can illustrate the meteorological event.	Following the comment, the geographical distribution of the rain gauge stations was shown in Fig. 4. Additionally, the temporal pattern of rainfall during Typhoon Aere was added as shown in Fig. 2.
In the section 3.4 the sentence "the higher the value, with the lower ratio of landslide with large areas" needs an explanation or a reference.	Thanks for the comment, we modified the sentence as "The higher the β value, the steeper the power-law tail, thus the lower the ratio of landslides with large areas."
Figure 1 – The picture showing the location of the study area should be enlarged. Figure 3 – figure 4 should be represented in one figure. Figure 7 – the picture showing the relationship between the landslide ratio and the landslide susceptibility index should be enlarged. In the legend of the map it is represented the landslide ratio or the landslide spatial probability? All the figures representing the study area should have a frame with the coordinate system. The figure captions are very poor written.	Figure1 – The picture showing the location of the study area was enlarged. Figure 3 and figure 4 were represented in one new figure (as shown in fig. 4). Figure 7 – The picture showing the relationship was enlarged while the legend of the map was modified as "landslide spatial probability." All the figures representing the study area were re-drawn to have a frame with the coordinate system; some of the figure captions were also modified.