

Reviewer #1

Thank you for addressing the 2nd round of reviews. You've done an excellent job improving the paper. I have one very minor comment that I'd suggest investigating before publication. Apologies also for the delay in providing this review.

- Thanks for clearly explaining the origins of VII within DWD. Reading this new content reminded me that the VII used in the US (which really is very similar) is applied in their hail accumulation retrieval: https://journals.ametsoc.org/view/journals/wefo/34/1/waf-d-18-0053_1.xml

Accumulating hail is predominantly from smaller hail sizes, which aligns well with what you've found in the appendix section A1. Perhaps you could add this reference to strengthen statements around how VII performs best for hail events with smaller sizes?

Thanks a lot for reviewing the paper once again! We added “Wallace et al. (2019) used VII as a proxy for hail presence in the cloud in the US. “ to the introduction as they used mainly MESH for their hail size estimation and VII only as a proxy and in the plot as a reference.