

Reviewer of “Dynamics of the Asian Summer Monsoon Anticyclone: Insights from Potential Vorticity Tendency Diagnostics” by Li et al. (Third-Round Review)

I thank the authors for carefully revising the manuscript in response to the previous review comments. At this stage, several minor comments can be considered. Overall, I believe the manuscript is nearly ready to be published.

1. Consistency in terminology

Please use **“Bonin High (BH)”** and **“Western Pacific mode”** consistently throughout the manuscript. In addition, it would be helpful to briefly clarify the relationship between the Bonin High and the Western Pacific mode.

2. Use appropriately qualified language

Line 454: Please avoid overly definitive expressions such as **“definitive finding”** and consider using more appropriately qualified wording, such as **“robust finding across the three reanalyses”**. This would better maintain an appropriately cautious scientific tone.

3. Clarification of the dipolar/tripolar structures in Figure 6

Please carefully recheck and revise the description of the **dipolar and tripolar structures in Figure 6**, as the current text appears to contain an internal inconsistency. For example, Lines 246–247 state that both **Fig. 6c and Fig. 6d exhibit a tripolar structure**, whereas Line 249 states that the **net time tendency of PV (Fig. 6c) exhibits a clear dipolar structure**. Please verify the structures shown in the corresponding panels and revise the text accordingly so that the descriptions are fully consistent with the figure.

Overall, the manuscript has been substantially improved through the revision process, and the remaining issues are minor. Once the above points are addressed, I believe the manuscript will be suitable for publication.