

## ***Interactive comment on “Vegetation dynamics and responses to climate anomalies in East Africa” by John Musau et al.***

**Anonymous Referee #2**

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Although not ground breaking, this paper presents a solid co-analysis of available long time series of LAI and SPEI with reference to the Global Human Footprint index in East-Africa.

What is disturbing though is that the abstract states: "Much-needed reference point for the disentanglement of historical climatic- and human-induced vegetation dynamics" while a p.14, L3 it is stated: "However, further analysis is required to disentangle human and climatic induced causes of these variations"

More thorough discussion of the disentanglement of vegetation dynamics into a human-induced and climatic-induced contributions is necessary.

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