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PART 1: Review Comments

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Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>ABSTRACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The abstract has provided unnecessarily too long background information (six lines, almost 50% of the abstract). It should be brief and revised to not more than 2 lines. The objective of the study is not clear/has been distorted due to grammatical errors, e.g...see line 14 and 15.. "The main objective of the given study is the biophysical characterisation in the Western Ghats regions of India by the integration of GLAS ICESat data and AVIRIS hyperspectral data.." It should be corrected to read, "The objective of this study was to undertake biophysical characterisation in the Western Ghats regions of India by the integration of GLAS ICESat data and AVIRIS hyperspectral data." Abstract should provide a concise summary of the study methodology. The abstract should also provide a summary of key findings, instead of merely giving obvious statements, e.g, "The results indicated that integration of LiDAR with AVIRIS data enabled forest species discrimination and biophysical parameter retrieval successfully with abundant spectral information than in the case of multispectral imagery" The abstract should further provide a brief conclusion and policy recommendations. Research is conducted so as to inform policy In summary, the author should organise the entire abstract to concisely cover – brief background information, study objective, methodology, findings, conclusions and recommendations <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The author should indicate the source of literature in paragraph 1, through citation, assuming that these are not his words Remove repetition in line 43.... lot of lot of... Correct grammar on line 38 and 40.. Remote sensing technologies have found to overcome the limitations...by adding the word been between the words have and found On line 50-52, the statement.. "Several studies showed the estimation of biophysical parameters by the fusion of optical as well as LiDAR data. But the multispectral remote sensing is limited by the number of bands." Which are these studies? In the last paragraph (lines 85-88) the objective of the study is still not clear as it is not consistent with the objective that had been stated under the Abstract. The author should adopt one consistent declaration of the study objective. Avoid using non-academic words like.... The main objective of the work is...instead correct to read, "The objective of this study was to....." Further, since study had only one objective, the word, "main" should be dropped. I recommend that the objective may be stated as follows - <p>To extract biomass and Leaf Area Index(LAI) for Mudumalai and Sholayur forests of Western Ghats, India, through integration of AVIRIS-NG imagery and ICESat GLAS data</p> <p>STUDY AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The author should provide the justification for choosing Mudumalai and Sholayar reserved forests as study areas. Figures 1 (a) and (b) are not clear. The forest covers are not clearly discriminated from the adjoining land use cover. <p>MATERIALS AND METHODS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 3 (DATA SET USED) and section 4 (METHODOLOGY) should be merged to form a section called MATERIALS AND METHODS. This is because data used are usually described under one section. The merged section should then be structured under two major corresponding subsections. Figure 4 should first be described then presented. That is, the author should give a brief description of the figure 	
Minor REVISION comments	The entire document should be edited to correct common grammatical errors/inconsistencies	
Optional/General comments	The study has empirically demonstrated how forests health conditions may be assessed using geospatial technology. .	



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