

Review: Stratospheric influence on the winter North Atlantic storm track in subseasonal reforecasts

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General comment

I thank the authors for thoroughly replying to all the reviewers' comments and including some further analyses / figures, which in my opinion helped to improve the manuscript. I agree with the authors on the use of the ECMWF model only as a similar systematic analysis using more/all of the S2S models would require much more effort and it would result in a much longer manuscript. Moreover, such inter-comparison study can be done as a continuation of the present work. I therefore only have a few minor comments left, after which I see the manuscript ready to be published.

Minor comments

Figure 3 There are currently two black boxes which is confusing throughout the text. I suggest distinguishing between them, for example, using another color or a dashed line for one of them.

L198 As you now have boxes plotted in all of the subplots it's enough to say 'Figure 3'. However, it is good to specify here which box you're referring to (see my comment above).

Figure 8 caption: although you mention the coordinates, it's better to specify here which box you're referring to once you've distinguished the boxes (see my comment above).

Figure 10 Please mention in the caption that this is a 28d average

L342 Although you mention using Z100 in the Data and Methods, I believe that this is the first time you mention Z'100 (Z100 *anomalies*) so it makes sense to specify it here.

L358 please fill in the Figure number instead of '??'

L370 typo 'to be associated'

L373 probably 'to SSW events'

L452 I think that you forgot to add the link to Github in the Code availability section.