

Second Review of

“Evolutionary rescue in a mixed beech-fir forest: insights from a quantitative-genetics approach in a process-based model”

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The manuscript has been considerably improved. The introduction and the methods clearly define the objectives of the manuscript. The figures and their interpretations have been improved. However, **I could not locate the revised supplementary material, which prevented me from reviewing the changes.** I only have a few comments regarding this new version of the manuscript.

Abstract: “adaptation measures” could be replaced by “management actions” as measures are not always adaptive

Table 1: To help the reader, I would add a description of the parameters instead of citing Morin et al. (2021).

l.218-219: If VR is the same for all species in an evolutionary scenario, how can it be that in an assisted migration scenario with a total of 10 species, VR can be greater than 0.1?

l.345-346: is there a problem with this sentence?

L. 351-354: could you explain how age at maturation affects the evolutionary rate?

Eqn 3: in the sum, is the first term multiplied or divided by AM_s ? if I am correct, the first term is usually multiplied by $1/nb.gen$ with $nb.gen$ the number of generations and $nb.gen=1/AM_s$

l.424: “in contrast with” -> “in contrast to”

l.447: “beech is expected to grow more slowly due to its lower gs ”: is this statement based on initial values presented in Table 1?

Throughout the main text, ensure a consistent notation for drought tolerance. It is sometimes represented as $DrTol$ and other times as $Drtol$ (for instance, line 429).

l.489: citation should have parentheses

l.524-526: I think it should be made clearer that in a scenario with water competition, climate and competition would select the trait in the same direction (in contrast to the current scenario).

l.534-536: “without any apparent drawbacks emerging in our framework”. Is this statement correct? I understood that under “assisted gene flow” the genetic correlation and competition played a more decisive role than increasing genetic variation in $DrTol$.

I don't think the creation of a seedling and its transition to adulthood is described in the main text. Some elements from the response to Reviewer 2 L107 should be included in the main text such as: “A new tree “appears” in the simulation at year n with a height greater than 1.3 meters, and is no longer considered a seedling at the year $n+1$.”