

## ***Interactive comment on “Operational ocean models in the Adriatic Sea: a skill assessment” by J. Chiggiato and P. Oddo***

### **Anonymous Referee #1**

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The paper Operational ocean models in the Adriatic Sea: a skill assessment by J. Chiggiato, P. Oddo deals with an interesting topic and tries to quantify the skill and model performances in the Adriatic Sea.

The paper includes a series of results worth publishing but the conclusions are rather weak and the paper is basically a description of statistics. I particularly miss any explanation of the reasons for the prediction differences (atmospheric forcings? numerics?), specially since the authors start with giving all ingredients of the models. I realize the authors use existing model outputs and cannot rerun the models, but some informations on the forcing differences might already help understanding.

Among the minor editorial work to do: -It should be stated much earlier that data for

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comparison are independant and were not assimilated. -on line 10 it is stated that the analyses are take for comparison, but not all models include assimilation. This should be made clearer

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