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Interactive comment on "Contrasting patterns of litterfall seasonality and seasonal changes in litter decomposability in a tropical rainforest region" by S. A. Parsons et al.

Anonymous Referee #1

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This paper compared the seasonal patterns of litterfall and leaf decomposability and quantified the drivers of seasonality in litterfall and leaf decomposability in a tropical rainforest region. Overall, this is an interesting and well-written paper. I think it is appropriate for Biogeosciences. The authors have improved the manuscript a lot from the previous version. I am glad to find that, however, I still have one concern: the authors revised "repeated measures ANOVA" to "2-way repeated measures ANOVA" to determine the seasonal difference for leaf decomposability. However, to my knowledge, I would like to just use "2-way ANOVA" because both season and plots are your factors.

Other issues the authors should pay attention:

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Page 2, line 12; Page 7, lines 14 and 17. I would suggest deleting "Plots"; Page 3, line 6. I did not find the abbreviation "C" before; Page 6, line 3. Please check "Wieder, and Lang, 1982"; Page 11, line14. Please keep "P = 0.010" consistent through entire paper;

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