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Editor comment on "Intensified paraglacial slope failures due to accelerating downwasting of a temperate glacier in Mt. Gongga, Southeast Tibet Plateau" by Yan Zhong et al., Earth Surf. Dynam. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/esurf-2021-18-EC1, 2021

Dear Dr. Zhong and colleagues,

we have received two very detailed reviews which both emphasize the importance of the collected data and the scarcity of observations in the SE Tibet Plateau. However, both reviewers have asked for a significant restructuring of the paper with regards to the (i) focus the introduction, (ii) the clarity and the fit of the objectives, (iii) the level of detail in the description of the methodology, (iv) an inconsistent classification of landslide types and (v) the application of the paraglacial concept. More specifically it has been criticized that (vi) previous literature and concepts were not sufficiently included and that (vii) the processes influencing paraglacial downwasting are not sufficiently deciphered to allow more generalised statements of the relevance of this study.

I recommend to very closely follow the arguments of the two very detailed and careful reviews and to thoroughly restructure the paper with regard to (i)-(vii).

All the best

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