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Results from the recently submitted paper by Pohlmann et al. on "Improving Decadal Climate Predictability through the Initialization of a Coupled Model with the GECCO Oceanic Synthesis" are presented. This study aims at improving the forecast skill of climate predictions through the use of ocean synthesis data as initial conditions. For this purpose, the coupled model of the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology is initialized with oceanic synthesis fields available from the German contribution to Estimating the Circulation and Climate of the Ocean (GECCO) project. Hindcast experiments are initialized from this experiment at constant intervals and an ensemble of forecast experiments is performed subsequently over the period 2002-2011. The results confirm that in decadal climate predictions, both the initial and the boundary conditions must be accounted for.