

***Interactive comment on “Pliocene Model  
Intercomparison Project (PlioMIP): experimental  
design and boundary conditions (Experiment 1)”  
by A. M. Haywood et al.***

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I tried, for some weeks, to find an additional reviewer for this paper who was a particular expert in the Pliocene, but could find none who considered themselves sufficiently unconnected with "PlioMIP" that they would contribute a review. Such experiences make me feel a bit uneasy about the science-by-committee approach of the MIPs.

Nevertheless, the path to acceptance in GMD is clear enough for this paper. For a MIP paper I think it is wise to err on the side of too much information, rather than risk failing to include important details. Thus the fact that the first reviewer in particular would like to see more detail, discussion and explanation should be taken seriously and used by

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the authors as an opportunity to expand the paper.

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