

Interactive comment on “Pliocene Model Intercomparison Project (PlioMIP): experimental design and boundary conditions (Experiment 2)” by A. M. Haywood et al.

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This paper should enter the final response phase today. The revision looks straight-forward enough, and I am encouraged to see that both reviewers recognise the likely enduring value of the paper.

There is one thing I noticed: "Two boundary condition data packages are available – “preferred” and “alternate”. Both data packages are provided on the PlioMIP website (http://geology.er.usgs.gov/eespteam/prism/prism_pliomip_data.html) and are provided as supplementary information to this paper."

I would like these packages to be provided as a supplement to the paper, but they do
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not seem to have been uploaded as part of the submission to GMDD! When you upload them, can you make sure they are labelled by a version number, such that it remains possible to precisely identify which boundary conditions are associated with this paper.

I notice that the same sentence also appears in paper 1 (which I obviously did not read carefully enough!), and that there is also no supplement provided for that paper.

Perhaps I am misunderstanding your intent, and the idea is that the packages are only available on the PlioMIP website. In that case, please can you attach version numbers to those packages, and identify them by the version number, in the manuscript. These packages should not be edited subsequent to acceptance of the manuscript, and if changes are required, then a new package with a new version number should be produced. I'd prefer to see the supplement uploaded to GMD, however.

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