

## Response to Executive Editor Prof. Dr. Kerkweg

We thank Prof. Dr. Kerkweg for alerting our attention to the GMD white paper instructions for authors and have revised the paper accordingly. Prof. Dr. Kerkweg's comments are shown in italics and author responses are shown in regular text.

*Dear authors,*

*In my role as Executive editor of GMD, I would like to bring to your attention our Editorial:*

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*This highlights some requirements of papers published in GMD, which is also available on the GMD website in the 'Manuscript Types' section:*

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*In particular, please note that for your paper, the following requirements have not been met in the Discussions paper.*

*“– All papers must include a model name and version number (or other unique identifier) in the title.” Therefore, please add the version number of the Yale Interactive Terrestrial Biosphere Model in the title.*

→ We have added the model version identifier “version 1.0” in the title, abstract and manuscript.

*“– The paper must be accompanied by the code, or means of accessing the code, for the purpose of peer-review. If the code is normally distributed in a way which could compromise the anonymity of the referees, then the code must be made available to the editor. The referee/editor is not required to review the code in any way, but they may do so if they so wish.”*

→ We have sent the relevant YIBs fortran codes to Editor Dr. Jason Williams.

*“– All papers must include a section at the end of the paper entitled "Code availability". In this section, instructions for obtaining the code (e.g. from a supplement, or from a website) should be included; alternatively, contact information should be given where the code can be obtained on request, or the reasons why the code is not available should be clearly stated.”*

→ We have added section “Code availability” section as required: “The YIBs model (version 1.0) site-level source code is available at [https://github.com/YIBS01/YIBS\\_site](https://github.com/YIBS01/YIBS_site). The source codes for the global off-line and global on-line versions of the YIBs model (version 1.0) are available through collaboration. Please submit request to X. Yue ([xu.yue@yale.edu](mailto:xu.yue@yale.edu)) and N. Unger ([nadine.unger@yale.edu](mailto:nadine.unger@yale.edu)). Auxiliary forcing data and related input files must be obtained independently.”