

## ***Interactive comment on “Vegetation distribution and terrestrial carbon cycle in a carbon-cycle configuration of JULES4.6 with new plant functional types” by Anna B. Harper et al.***

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Late in the review process it was noticed that some of the authors on this manuscript are from the same institution, the UK Met Office, as the handling topical editor. Although this is a situation we would usually attempt to avoid, its discovery so late in the process means that the conflict would not effectively be removed by changing editor, and to do so would damage the transparency of the editorial process. Instead, I have audited the editorial process. I can confirm that the reviewers, who are the primary independent part of the peer review process, are both highly qualified and completely independent. In particular, they are not in any way associated with the JULES model

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but work on different terrestrial models. Readers can therefore be assured that the peer review process for this manuscript has been robust.

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