



# ***Interactive comment on “Benefits of sea ice thickness initialization for the Arctic decadal climate prediction skill in EC-Earth3” by Tian Tian et al.***

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the two reviewers for the time and efforts put in revising the paper and are grateful for their comments, which have substantially helped to improve the manuscript. We have addressed them carefully, and included in a supplement document with a detailed response for each comment. We hope the answers and changes in the text satisfy the reviewers and that they both find now the manuscript suitable for publication.

Best regards

Tian and co-authors

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<https://gmd.copernicus.org/preprints/gmd-2020-331/gmd-2020-331-AC1-supplement.pdf>

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