

Dear Dr Valcke,

Thank you for accepting our paper. We will be very pleased to see it published in GMD.

Dear Editorial staff,

- 1) You might like to investigate why I did not receive an email advising me that the paper was accepted. I only found out when one of my co-authors said they had got an email from you. I checked my email carefully, including Junk folder.
- 2) Dr Valcke did not ask for any more changes but I have made one minor change in the Data Available section, tidying up the reference to the Herzfeld et al data collection.
- 3) I have made 2 zip archives of all the figures. The pdf files are much nicer but 3 of them exceed your 5Mb limit. I cannot see how to reduce their size. Figures 1 and 2 are less important than the rest, so please use the png versions of these if you want to keep the total size down.

Best regards

David