Interactive comment on “Calibration and analysis of the uncertainty in downscaling global land use and land cover projections from GCAM” by Min Chen et al.

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Yours, Astrid Kerkweg