Interactive comment on “A process-based Sphagnum plant-functional-type model for implementation in the TRIFFID Dynamic Global Vegetation Model” by Richard Coppell et al.

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Dear authors,

In my role as Executive editor of GMD, I would like to bring to your attention our Editorial version 1.2:
https://www.geosci-model-dev.net/12/2215/2019/
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 requirement has not been met in the Discussions paper:

- “The main paper must give the model name and version number (or other unique identifier) in the title.”

You neither provide a version number nor a name/acronym for the published model (the process-based Sphagnum plant-functional-type model), nor do you provide the information in the title that this is all implemented in JULES. Therefore I suggest to change the title to something like:

“A process-based Sphagnum plant-functional-type model (PBSPFT v0.0) for implementation in the TRIFFID Dynamic Global Vegetation Model in Jules v2.1”

At least the information on Jules v2.1 must be added.

Finally note, that according to our new Editorial (v1.2) all data and analysis / plotting scripts should be made available.

Yours,

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