**Response to Handling Topical Editor  
2nd May 2023**

We would like to thank the handling topical editor for their time considering our manuscript. We have addressed their points in full as described below.

The manuscript is of the “Methods for assessment of models” type and so as per the instructions at <https://www.geoscientific-model-development.net/about/manuscript_types.html#item3> we have amended the manuscript’s title to include the name and version of the software tool developed.

The similarity report showed that the similarities were all to the PRIMAVERA project’s “Lessons Learnt” report (<https://www.primavera-h2020.eu/assets/media/uploads/Documents/project/primavera_d9.6_final.pdf>), written by many of the same authors. The similarities were spread throughout the manuscript. However, one paragraph in Section 7 “Data Access and Analysis” on page 9 had a high degree of similarity and so has been rewritten.

The ”Code and data availability” section has been updated to use the persistent Zenodo versions of the code.