

***Interactive comment on “Progress in DGVMs: a comment on “Impacts of trait variation through observed trait–climate relationships on performance of an Earth system model: a conceptual analysis” by Verheijen et al. (2013)” by S. I. Higgins et al.***

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Thanks, we softened as suggested. Additionally we added some text in the concluding paragraph to highlight aDGVM2 and JeDi-DGVM which are, as far as we are aware, the only other published attempt to implement a more flexible trait structure in a DGVM style model. We also used this prominent position in the manuscript to point out that although these methods are promising they are far from mature.

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