

## Interactive comment on "Using biogeochemical data assimilation to assess the relative skill of multiple ecosystem models: effects of increasing the complexity of the planktonic food web" by Y. Xiao and M. A. M. Friedrichs

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Dear Barbara,

We thank you for your positive feedback on our paper, and appreciate your pointing us to your in press article as well. The issue of whether or not the community's increasingly complex models provide better predictive ability is indeed an important topic, and it is good to see it receiving increased attention.

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