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Dr. Crucifix, Editor Earth System Dynamics

Dear Dr. Crucifix:

We are pleased to submit the revised version of our paper titled "*Groundwater nitrate concentration evolution under climate change and agricultural adaptation scenarios: Prince Edward Island, Canada*" by Paradis *et al.* for consideration by the journal *Earth System Dynamics.* 

In this revised version you will note that we added a new discussion section that contained the following:

- Updated climate simulations are provided as auxiliary material (new Table S2) and the impact on groundwater nitrate concentration is discussed;
- A discussion about assessing model uncertainty through calibration;
- A comparison of our results with similar previous studies.

Also, concerning the length of the manuscript, we reduced the text of the methodological section by 2 pages (from 10 to 12) and removed 3 figures. The information about model statistical performances contained in the figures was summarized in a new table (as proposed by A. Shepherd). The new discussion section added less than 3 pages, so the revised manuscript is now approximately the same length than the original.

Thank you for considering our manuscript.

Best regards,

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