

Interactive comment on “Leaf Area Index in Earth System Models: evaluation and projections” by N. Mahowald et al.

Anonymous Referee #2

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This paper compared multiple earth system models, and Leaf Area Index in these models is the focus of this paper. These comparisons are valuable for the research community.

However, the writing of this paper should be improved. The authors need to do more work to make the results easier for readers to understand, and the main conclusions easier for readers to capture.

Some detailed comments: 1) The abstract is too long, and not good for readers to get the main take-home message from this paper. 2) The fonts in the figures are so small that they are almost illegible. 3) The authors produced a lot of numbers in the tables and lines in the figures; but these numbers and figures were not summarized effectively, only making the readers confused. 4) Some sentences in the introduction

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were unnecessarily repeated in the conclusion part.

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