Dear authors,

Many thanks for your quick reply. Part of the confusion comes from the fact that the Zenodo repository for your work does not contain an explanation about how the information is ordered, where to find each thing, what directories contain the digital elevation models, etc. There is a Readme file, but it does not explain anything about the structure or what it contains. In this way, it is hard to know if what is needed to reproduce your work is there or not. Therefore, please, include in the repository a file with a full explanation of what it contains and how it is ordered.

About your statement on the Gitlab of the French Research Organizations: You are wrong, and this must be crystal clear to avoid others making the mistake of using it for scientific publication. It is disturbing that you continue challenging us on this. The Gitlab of the French Research Organizations does not comply with the requirements necessary, as others do (e.g. Zenodo, PANGAEA, FigShare,...). There is a reason why It exists a list of acceptable repositories, and it is not exclusive to our journal or Copernicus. Eventually, if the responsible for such a repository wants to comply with the FAIR requirements and to be listed as acceptable, it can undergo the necessary work and procedures. To double check it, I have looked for it on Fairsharing.org, and it is not even listed (at least I have not found it, let me know if I am wrong); I do not say accepted. I mean, it is not even listed with a qualification of the service offered.

But moreover, it is not acceptable because, first, it is a Git repository from which those with permission can delete content in the future if they want: this is not acceptable, and any acceptable repository must prevent authors from deleting content at any point.

It is not acceptable because the terms of use of this repository clearly establish that content can be deleted at any point at its own discretion.

It is not acceptable because there is no public statement about the legal or governmental commitment to maintaining the service for the long term, and it is no presented evidence of funding already allocated for it for, at minimum, 10-20 years.

Finally, I find your proposed code and data availability statement correct, provided that the repository contains what you say to contain, for which we need that you provide an explanation of their contents, as exposed above.
Regards,

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