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Dear authors,

in my role as Executive editor of GMD, I would like to bring to your attention our Editorial version 1.2:  https://www.geosci-model-dev.net/12/2215/2019/

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Yours, Astrid Kerkweg