Dear Editor,

thank you so much for the heads-up. As one of the reviewers commented on our paper "The paper uses model simulations to assess climate change in a robust way (given computational constraints) over a region where many people live and depend on the lakes for their livelihood. ......Given that the focus of the study is on the results of the future projections, I believe that a content-journals like for example ESD could have been a better fit for this work. That said, I respect the author's choice of GMD and do not suggest transferring this manuscript to a different journal. "  We also agree that this is not a typical new model development, instead, we focus on the climate change projections using the coupled 3-D regional climate model (ICTP-RegCM4) and 3-D lake model (FVCOM), which we call GLARM for convenience. Both models are (publicly and only) accessible to registered users. We have added detailed information in the code availability section. We don’t feel we need to define the GLARM version as this is not a completely new model development, it is based on the updates of RegCM and FVCOM. We hope this makes some sense. We are looking forward to the reviewers' positive comments on our revision!

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