

## ***Interactive comment on “Estimating Greenland ice sheet surface mass balance contribution to future sea level rise using the regional atmospheric climate model MAR” by X. Fettweis et al.***

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Dear Xavier and co-authors,

Both referees raise substantive issues regarding, not just the structure, but also the merit of the paper as presented. The message is unclear and the paper lacks focus. This goes far beyond a simple restructuring of the m/s.

Please study carefully the evaluation criteria for the journal, which can be found at [http://www.the-cryosphere.net/review/ms\\_evaluation\\_criteria.html](http://www.the-cryosphere.net/review/ms_evaluation_criteria.html). In particular, you need to consider criteria 1 and 3: Originality (Novelty): Within the scope of The Cryosphere, does the manuscript represent substantial progress beyond current sci-

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