

Dear Dr Roustaei,

Thank you for reviewing our revised manuscript. Following your suggestion, we have added a passage to the section “*Limitations and future validation*” that explicitly acknowledges the limitation of the Maxwell configuration in capturing primary creep. The added passage reads: “*The adopted Maxwell configuration does not capture the primary creep phase, which is commonly attributed to partially recoverable deformation and evolving internal stress fields rather than viscous flow.*” An appropriate reference has also been included to support this statement. We believe this addition better reflects the nuances associated with this limitation and hope it satisfactorily addresses your comment.