Interactive comment on “Technical Note: Open-paleo-data implementation pilot – The PAGES 2k special issue” by Darrell Kaufman and PAGES 2k special-issue editorial team

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This manuscript raises several important issues around data stewardship that will likely resonate with many practitioners within the paleoclimate community. A recent attempt to articulate best practices regarding data curation, synthesis, and dissemination was provided by the paleo-ice sheet/sea level communities (PALSEA; another PAGES working group) in this journal (CP, v. 12, p. 911, 2016). While echoing several of the recommendations made by the PALSEA group (e.g., on giving proper credit to data creators), the present manuscript adds significant aspects such as the implementation of data review as a key element of the peer-review process. With proper guidelines such as those put forward here, the pace of data release is likely to accelerate. This should help open the door to future discoveries that were previously out of reach.