

# ***Interactive comment on “Bias and error in modelling thermochronometric data: resolving a potential increase in Plio-Pleistocene erosion rate” by Sean D. Willett et al.***

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I have received several requests concerning the comments and reviews. Maybe the following infos will enlighten you.

1- This manuscript has been submitted to Copernicus within a two-stage protocol. First, the manuscript is posted as a discussion paper (ESurfD) after a technical check and an overall evaluation by the editors. If positively evaluated by peers the manuscript is then accepted as a full paper in ESurf. During the first stage, both registered peers and nominated reviewers can post comments WITHOUT oversight from the editors. Posts and reviews can only be removed if they do not adhere to the Copernicus policies

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upon request. It implies that both reviewers and peers should contribute with respect and politeness and focus on the scientific debate.

2- Reviews should be dispassionate, fair and unbiased. The editor should not interfere. In the present case, I, as handling editor can only ask the reviewers to comply. I can not and will not tell them what they should write or how.

3- The decision concerning the submission will be made SOLELY based on a scientific basis. Basis for the decision is primarily the reviews but comments will also be taken in to accounts. This is a decision on the submitted manuscript submitted to ESurfD. Nothing else.

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