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# ***Interactive comment on “Trends and future challenges of water resources in the Tigris–Euphrates Rivers basin in Iraq” by I. E. Issa et al.***

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1 Methods of trend analysis in this study are of limited reliability and innovation. All assumptions are not presented for the conducted analysis, including ones that might not be feasible. 2 There is an issue of missing data. Conclusions of trend analysis were obtained from either short or long data series. But there might be a difference between confidence levels of these conclusions from the viewpoint of statistical analysis. 3 All existing techniques of trend analysis are not reviewed. A comparison between this study and previous related ones is not mentioned.

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