

Interactive comment on “Comment: Getting the Methodology Wrong for Analysing the Hydrological Changes in Watersheds” by Nitin Bassi et al.

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This Comment Article does not substantively continue the discussion in a way that

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contributes to advancing scientific understanding of hydrologic and Earth system processes. Rather, this comment article makes some significant assertions in an effort to refute or cast doubt on the findings summarized in the original published paper (Penny et al., 2018), while simultaneously not providing adequate support for those assertions.

Finally, and most importantly, the tone of the comment article does not contribute to the scientific discourse. Throughout the comment there are comments, asides, and phraseology that seemingly disparages the authors and their capabilities. An effective comment article would have adopted a collegial tone and focused on substantively continuing discussion in a way that productive to the hydrologic science community.

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