

***Interactive comment on* “Submarine groundwater discharge site in the First Salpausselkä ice-marginal formation, south Finland” by Joonas J. Virtasalo et al.**

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Dear authors,

After contacting a very large group of potential referees for your manuscript (from within the HESS/hydrology community), but securing no agreements to referee, I studied your manuscript again. Upon further reflection, I realize that your manuscript is rather out of scope and not a good fit for HESS. The manuscript is essentially a specific case study, and the main focus is actually not on hydrology, but on geology and geological characterization (using sophisticated tools) of a formation. The manuscript is therefore of highly limited interest for the HESS readership. Moreover, I note that many of the

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potential referees you suggested are essentially geologists with expertise in applied quaternary science, sedimentology, and "classical" geology.

I am therefore returning the manuscript to you, declining further consideration for publication in HESS. This decision is NOT a reflection on the quality of work you report in the manuscript, and I wish you success finding a suitable publication outlet elsewhere.

I regret that we lost this much time in the attempt to find referees, and apologize for this.

Sincerely, Brian Berkowitz

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