

Interactive comment on “Erosion-induced massive organic carbon burial and carbon emission in the Yellow River basin, China” by L. Ran et al.

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The authors should carefully note that all three reviews questioned if the uncertainty analysis in the original manuscript was sufficiently rigorous. In the Author Comments, the authors seems to discount this issue, indicating that the original treatment should be sufficient. The reviewers, however, disagree - though it is unfortunate that they do not provide clear guidance about how the authors should proceed.

To avoid losing a great deal of time in re-review, I suggest that prior to revision of the manuscript, the authors prepare a separate, complete description of why the original uncertainty analysis was sufficient or what modifications they plan in response to re-view, if any. I can then circulate this plan to the reviewers to see if they feel it will sufficiently respond to their concerns. I note that this should be prepared relatively

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quickly, while the reviewers have the original manuscript clearly in mind. I also note that this plan will depend on the reviewers' willingness to comply with the request. It just might speed progress on publication and avoid unnecessary work.

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