

***Interactive comment on* “Estimation of the global inventory of methane hydrates in marine sediments using transfer functions” by E. Piñero et al.**

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There are basic rules that from our point of view every referee should fulfill:

- * read the manuscript that she/he is reviewing;
- * try to understand the basic concepts and main conclusions presented in the paper;
- * focus her/his comments on the paper under review and not on previous papers or private email communications and other discussions with the authors;
- * not insult the authors.

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Unfortunately, the comment "my review" posted by G.R. Dickens does not meet any of these minimum requirements. Jerry Dickens admits at the very beginning of his review that he did not read our manuscript. He does not and did not even try to understand the basic concepts and main conclusions of our paper. Many of his comments relate to a previous paper (Burwicz et al. 2011), to a private email exchange, and to other discussions that he had with the senior author Klaus Wallmann. He gives up any descent standard of politeness and insults the authors.

Therefore, we look forward for a proper review of our discussion paper in the following weeks.

Sincerely,

E. Piñero and K. Wallmann

on behalf of all co-authors.

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