

***Interactive comment on “Extreme extension across Seram and Ambon, eastern Indonesia: Evidence for Banda slab rollback” by J. M. Pownall et al.***

**Anonymous Referee #1**

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This is an unusually clever, original and well-documented paper. It combines very careful petrography/petrogenesis with thoughtful tectonics and structural geology. They have come up with an innovative model for the extensional exhumation of the high-grade rocks of the northern Banda Arc. I read this paper with great interest and pleasure and recommend its publication as it is. I could find no obvious geological, grammatical or syntactical errors. I wish that all the papers that I review and read were as well constructed.

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Interactive comment on Solid Earth Discuss., 5, 525, 2013.