

***Interactive comment on “Hydraulic fracturing in thick shale basins: problems in identifying faults in the Bowland and Weald Basins, UK” by David K. Smythe***

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Dear Dr. Smythe,

your ms. has been now evaluated by 4 independent reviewers.

Based on the resulting reports (3 negative over 4), I regret to say that we can not go forward with this ms., since too much work is needed to render it potentially suitable for final publication on SE.

My decision is therefore to discourage submission of a revised manuscript.

Yours sincerely, federico rossetti

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Interactive comment on Solid Earth Discuss., doi:10.5194/se-2015-134, 2016.

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