

Interactive comment on* “Sinkholes of the Dead Sea Basin: A Result of Anthropogenic Disturbance to Nature and Sign for More and Greater Hazards” *by Hilmi S. Salem

Anonymous Referee #2

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This is a manuscript about the sinkholes of the Dead Sea Basing derived from Anthropogenic disturbance. After reading through the manuscript, serious issues have been detected that advise against its publication. The first (and major one) is that it lacks a logical structure (a bit awkward), i.e. “study purpose and methodology” as a single (and poorly detailed) section; “data and observations” including “Geological-Geophysical Setting” (better Study area / regional setting?). Moreover, it lacks a “Results” section, and consequently, it is impossible to differentiate the results obtained by the authors from those cited in the literature. Apart from the structure, figures are not very communicative and informative by themselves and need considerably more work (maps without any of the basic cartographical elements, i.e. scale, key, etc.; need of

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homogenize the overall graphic layout style, etc.). In addition, the manuscript should have been focused in a more scientific way. For the above mentioned reasons, the paper should be rejected in its current form.

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