

## ***Interactive comment on “MIS 5e sea-level proxies in the eastern Mediterranean coastal region” by Barbara Mauz et al.***

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I find the comment posted by Dorit Sivan and Ehud Galili deeply disturbing. In my eyes it includes perverted facts and false accusations. For example the Cyprus database: we agreed that DS and EG would work on the data from Cyprus but they have failed to compile the data and to produce the database. Still, DS and EG accuse me: “We insisted on adding this data but the corresponding author decided not to include it.” Other examples include apparent misrepresentation of Israeli data in the text, the inclusion of marine terrace as indicator in table 1 or the tectonic stability of the Carmel coast. I feel the way some of the comments are expressed cannot be regarded as scientific exchange and cast doubt on the integrity and honesty of DS and EG. I am deeply concerned that the discussion platform, provided by the publisher for the pur-

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pose of scientific exchange, is used as a vehicle to discredit me in public. I do now call on the editor to comment on this before the open discussion closes, to retract the comment of DS and EG and ask them to delete all personal accusations, return to scientific discussion and follow Copernicus best practice.

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