

Interactive comment on “Technical note: TRACKFlow, a new versatile microscope system for fission track analysis” by Gerben Van Ranst et al.

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In light of Twitter discussion of this paper as well as the fact that it is the first in the ‘technical note’ category and the first describing commercial rather than academic developments in geochronology, this seems like a good opportunity to clarify some of the Geochronology goals and policies.

First, we want to be clear that technical notes describing commercial products are not only permitted, but in fact encouraged. The purpose of the journal is to facilitate innovation in geochronology in all possible areas. Of course, when commercial products are involved it is important to keep in mind the distinction between factual descriptions

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and marketing claims, and we will rely on both invited and unsolicited reviewers to help keep this clear through the open review process.

Second, with regard to conflict-of-interest statements, it is the responsibility of the authors to clearly and correctly disclose all conflicts. The journal can not, and does not, independently investigate the conflicting interests statements in all submitted papers. Again, we rely on the community of reviewers and readers to help with this through the open review process.

– Greg Balco on behalf of the Editors

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