

**Review (3rd round) of “Analogue experiments on releasing and restraining bends and their application to the study of the Barents Shear Margin”**

**General comments:**

After a third careful review of the article *Analogue experiments on releasing and restraining bends and their application to the study of the Barents Shear Margin* I recommend that the article is once again returned for minor revisions. While I am satisfied with the previous revisions in terms of general content and figures, the writing remains grammatically poor with spelling errors scattered throughout the article. I marked minor revisions because this in many places hinders understanding on the part of the reader. In some locations it is impossible to understand what the authors are trying to communicate. A potential solution is that the authors submit the article for corrections from a professional scientific editing service. Examples (in reference to the tracked changes version) include lines 101 – 109, 128 – 130, 136, 154 – 157, 186-189, 219-220, 245, 252-259, 295, 402-405, 441-445, 458-462, 481, 505-508, 518, 549, 555-557, 576, 609, 623-625, Figure 8 caption, 686-687, 707-708, 715-716, 741, 778, Figure 9 caption, Figure 11 caption, 795-796, 812, 836-839, 861, 871-877, 885, 915, 955, 960, 1057-1059, 1092, 1097, 1106-1108, 1119-1123, 1157, 1173. Note that these are only the errors that I caught and noted, there are certainly more that I missed. Interestingly, it seems that many of these grammatical errors were introduced in the most recent revision, though some have been lingering since the first edition.

I would like to reiterate from my previous revisions that I think these experiments are valuable to better understand the Barents Margin and complex shear margins in general. I think the journal’s readership will find the results to be interesting and insightful once the article is properly revised for grammar, flow, and spelling.

**Other comments (in reference to tracked changes version):**

Figure 2: TWT and Twt – inconsistent capitalization.

Line 549: Delete “from the early works”

Line 576: En-echelon what?

Lines 1113-1123: This paragraph is repetitive. The utility of analog experiments to understand the Barents shear margin has been emphasized in many locations already throughout the manuscript.