

Explanatory note for requested proof corrections

A nine-year record of slush on the Greenland Ice Sheet

Dear Editor,

The production team has asked for editorial approval before implementing our requested standardisation of uncertainty expressions. The requested amendments are presentational only: they do not alter any numerical values, uncertainty estimates, statistical results, interpretation, or conclusions.

Requested standardisation

Equivalent value-uncertainty expressions are currently presented in several different ways. We are asking that they be formatted consistently as [value] [unit] $\pm$ [uncertainty] [unit], with the unit repeated after both the value and the uncertainty and with no comma, semicolon, or parentheses immediately before the $\pm$ symbol.

Examples:

“48 100 km², $\pm$ 3600 km²” becomes “48 100 km² $\pm$ 3600 km²”.

“4420 km² ($\pm$ 440 km²)” becomes “4420 km² $\pm$ 440 km²”.

“18 680 km² ($\pm$ 2400 km²; $\sim$ 1.1 %)” becomes “18 680 km² $\pm$ 2400 km² ($\sim$ 1.1 %)”.

The current proof contains these different formats within adjacent sections. Standardising them will improve consistency and readability without changing the accepted scientific content. A complete list of the affected expressions and their proposed corrected forms has already been provided to the production team.

Best wishes,
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on behalf of all co-authors