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Dear Felix

Brunstad, H. et al. Stratigraphic Guide to the Rogaland Group, North Sea

Many thanks for the sight of this ms. I have read through it in some detail, and find it a most useful and impressive document. The stratigraphic nomenclature seems to me to represent an effective and appropriate solution to the complex sedimentary geometries and relations represented by these strata. I consider it concordant with international stratigraphic guidelines, and I note that it is also concordant with the stratigraphic nomenclature established in correlative strata in other sectors of the North Sea.

I would certainly encourage, and indeed urge, its publication. The rigour and clarity of approach I find exemplary, and the ms gives a splendidly functional and accessible overview of this important rock unit. Indeed, once this stratigraphic guide is published, I would plan to use it as a case study in my own teaching of sedimentology and stratigraphy, as a vivid and successful example of how to systematically analyse and describe a complex and challenging stratal succession.

I have proposed a number of minor editorial and grammatical amendments, though the text as it stands effectively conveys its message. Congratulations to all the authors, and I hope that this ms goes through to publication speedily.

With best regards

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