

## ***Interactive comment on “Modeling rapid mass movements using the shallow water equations” by S. Hergarten and J. Robl***

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Dear colleague,

sorry for using the term “commercial” without a further specification. We simply wanted to distinguish between software available for free and software being sold. We do, of course, know about the issues in fundraising and about the necessity of acquiring additional funding for further research and development. It was clearly not intended to ascribe anyone of the WLS team personal commercial interests.

Beyond this, we are also aware that the vast majority of the users needs support and relies on a well-calibrated modeling software. We tried to state this as a warning at the end of the paper, but will point is out even more clearly in a potential revision.

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Best regards,

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