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Interactive comment on "Hydrochemical characteristics of the hot spring waters in the Kangding district related to the Lushan $M_{\rm S}$ 7.0 earthquake in Sichuan, China" by Z. Chen et al.

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Authors report that anomalous geochemical signals occurred before a seismic event. Graphs have been forced to demonstrate the above assumption. Anyway no experimental data were continuously recorded before the shock, thus the identified anomalies could be obviously a consequence of the seismic event and not precursors of it. Anyway data are interesting and deserve to be published. It is suggested to downplay the supposed precursory character of signals modifying graphs and text accordingly.

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