

***Interactive comment on* “Brief communication: Roads and landslides in Nepal: How development affects risk” by Brian G. McAdoo et al.**

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Thank you to the authors for their interesting submission which investigates how the spatial distribution of landslides may be related to the spatial distribution of roads in Nepal. Thank you to both anonymous reviewers for their feedback on the paper. Both reviewers highlighted similar areas for improvement, many of which come down to having more space to explain the methods and data. For this reason, I suggest the paper format is switched to a full paper rather than a brief communication. With appropriate medium to major level revisions, this will allow:

- Further explanation of the data used for analysis (both the landslide inventory and road data) - Further explanation of the Monte Carlo technique used to model landslides

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- Further discussion and justification of how the analysis reflects the actual distribution of roads and landslides in the region with respect to factors such as topography - Discussion of results reflecting the analysis that has been undertaken

In addition, both reviewers found that Figure 2 needed further explanation, and possibly some adjustment to better communicate the findings.

I believe the revised version of the paper will make a strong contribution to the special issue, and I look forward to reading this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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