

Interactive comment on “Is there evidence for a 4.2 ka BP event in the northern North Atlantic region?” by Raymond Bradley and Jostein Bakke

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In our response to RC 1 we had included the following statement, rather than explicitly responding to RC 3.: "We see no reason to comment on SC2, which is really addressed to the reviewer RC2" But in the response from Weiss to SC2, he repeats the same argument made in his earlier review, that we "did not...consider about 50 available and relevant high resolution proxies, most of which document abrupt 4.2 ka BP events in Svalbard, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Ice-land, Greenland, and Ellesmere Island"

We have already addressed this complaint in our response to RC2 and have nothing further to add. We took care to review the relevant literature and do not consider that

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we undertook, "skewed and truncated sampling".

The rest of the text of RC3 is an argument between him & others working on a site in Turkey, which is totally unrelated to our submission. This appears to be a rather too personal attack on the authors of that comment and highlights the fact that Weiss is all too eager to dismiss anything that does not comport with his zealous belief in a global "event" at 4.2ka B.P., rather than consider that some areas may not actually record such evidence. That is unfortunate because it is only by carefully assessing where there is strong evidence, and where there is not, that we will be able to understand what the cause of such an event might have been. And incidentally, no objective author should characterize a comment as jejune—that is in itself puerile and inappropriate for a civilized scientific discussion.

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