

Interactive comment on “The Mediterranean Sea system: a review and an introduction to the special issue” by T. Tanhua et al.

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On p. 594, line 11, the authors note a value of 1.2 – 1.7 Sv of Aegean-formed deep water released “during the years of stronger formation” (without giving a reference). The authors should take note that we have stated that about 80% of the outflow occurred between mid-1992 and the end of 1994, with a mean rate of almost 3 Sv during this period (Roether et al., 2007; Fig. 1 of Roether et al., 2013). As these estimates rely on differential inventories of hydrographic parameters, they should be rather robust. For their lower values, the authors should give one or more references.

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