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Reply on AC1

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Referee comment on "The first pan-Alpine surface-gravity database, a modern compilation that crosses frontiers" by Pavol Zahorec et al., Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2020-375-RC3>, 2021

Dear all,

I fully agree with the proposal by the editor and the authors.

In my view, restructuring the article is a little bit of grunt work, because any reader who is interested in the subject can decide for himself/herself if the historic part is interesting or not, and he/she could easily skip it during reading. (I found it very inspiring, because it gives an impression of the great work that had to be done to achieve this new compilation.) Therefore, in the end it does not make much difference if it appears in the main text or the appendix. However, if it makes the main text more handy and helps solving the problem, it is a good compromise solution.

Best regards,
Roland Pail