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## Comment on se-2021-30

Anonymous Referee #2

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Referee comment on "A new finite element approach to model microscale strain localization within olivine aggregates" by Jean Furstoss et al., Solid Earth Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/se-2021-30-RC2>, 2021

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The manuscript by Furstoss et al. seems quite interesting to anyone interested in the intriguing and still incompletely understood process of localisation.

The journal has instructions on how references should be listed and formatted (<https://www.solid-earth.net/submission.html#references>). It clearly states that "references have to be listed **alphabetically** at the end of the manuscript under the **first author's name**". There are also clear instructions on how references should be formatted in the reference list, with examples.

Contrary to the instructions, the references in the manuscript are not listed alphabetically and initials are put before the surnames. Therefore, I suggest rejection of the manuscript and encourage resubmission of a manuscript that is correctly formatted. In the process the authors can already revise the manuscript according to the well-considered comments of RC1.

The reference formatting is not a matter of arbitrary taste, but serves a purpose. The alphabetical order helps the reader and reviewer to quickly look up references cited in the text. This saves time. Reviewers do their service to the community and especially to the authors at no benefit to themselves. They should therefore not have to waste time because manuscripts are not formatted according to the instructions. I therefore have not yet considered the scientific merits of the paper.