

**Editor's Comment:**

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<b><u>Compulsory REVISION comments</u></b>	<p>Abstract should be re-written. It is my view, as I stand to be corrected, that it does not correctly capture the theme of the research/manuscript in its present form, it seems to me as an introductory remark.</p> <p>The author(s) should endeavour to make reference to captions/figures in the text before it is displayed within the manuscript, this guides the reader and carries the reader along. Check all the figures.</p> <p>Lines 181 – 359 do not have any close relationship with the subject matter (ie as regards the occurrence of gas hydrates in the Niger delta); this should/must be addressed, otherwise the work may quickly pass for a review of gas hydrates occurrence and their significance.</p> <p>Sediments in the Niger Delta are not as old as The Albian times as stated by the author(s); please this must be corrected, see lines 362 – 363. Note also that, the introduction is too long and not in any way concise, but with good understanding of the subject matter, the author(s) can greatly improve on this.</p> <p>Author(s) should comment on the sources of their images (Figs 8 - 13); and should emphasize the location in the description of the illustrations.</p> <p>The statement of line 538, "the temperature, pressure .... high stability zone," has only come in the conclusion, and was not substantiated with table(s) of data in the result from where such conclusion was to be drawn.</p> <p>In the methodology/Flowchart, no mention was made of "3D seismic data/cube, but it is mentioned in line 540, as though it was used to draw conclusions. This should be removed.</p> <p>Data source as quoted in line 518 "Georges and Cauquil 2007 is not listed in the reference; so are others in this manuscript, for instance, Rehder et al 2004. Author(s) should thoroughly checked them.</p>	<p>The corrections suggested by the referee have not been completed.</p> <p>The corrections suggested by the referee have not been completed. There are 3 sources in the text but 7 sources are listed.</p> <p>The corrections suggested by the referee have not been completed. For example, although it was emphasized in the revision, the reference is given for figure 3 but not for figure 8.</p> <p>The corrections suggested by the referee have not been completed.</p>

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