

## ***Interactive comment on “Seasonal and annual mass balances of Mera and Pokalde glaciers (Nepal Himalaya) since 2007” by P. Wagnon et al.***

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I realize that it is fairly common in the literature to see mass balance numbers expressed in terms of “m w.e. yr<sup>-1</sup>”, but this mix of SI units with a discipline-specific abbreviation goes against best practices as outlined by the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The document at <http://www.nist.gov/pml/pubs/sp811/> recommends putting the abbreviation in the text rather than in the units (see section 7.5), such as, “Mera Glacier has been losing mass at a water-equivalent rate of -0.1 m yr<sup>-1</sup>,” rather than “Mera Glacier has been losing mass at a rate of -0.1 m w.e. yr<sup>-1</sup>.” Following such best practices makes our literature more accessible to those coming from other fields.

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