

## ***Interactive comment on “Utilisation of CryoSat-2 SAR altimeter in operational ice charting” by E. Rinne and M. Similä***

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On page 4133, the authors remark that

"In April 2015, University College of London (UCL) published a near real time CS-2 sea ice thickness product available online. The UCL product is based on the CS-2 processing chain presented in Laxon et al. (2013). At the moment of writing, the UCL product lacks validation or comparison to independent EO and it is hard to assess its usability for navigation."

The final sentence is incorrect. Prior to release, the UCL NRT product was assessed to agree with the standard UCL product to within 0.5% on volume, and the standard UCL product was fully validated against independent observations. This information is

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located at:

<http://www.cpom.ucl.ac.uk/csopr/science.html>

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