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Cc: [Dr.Saumitra Mukherjee](#) ; [Dong Choi](#) ; [Dr. Orhan Cerit](#) ; [Ken Middaugh](#) ; [Darrell Harrington](#) ;
[Ara](#) ; [Roger Hunter](#)
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 11:18 AM
Subject: Re: Your predictions

Dr. Alan Jones,

I'm confused. Roger Hunter is attacking me in his website. His is using your review of my work to do it. Although you state that you "never wanted" me to show your review, it seems that I'm being manipulated by someone to my disadvantage. I don't know who to trust. I've done some good work and I'd like that to be acknowledged. Your review makes the entire body of my work appear to be a failure, and I don't think that's at all accurate.

I would like to explain why I did not show your review under your permission for Roger and Ara. There are two main reasons. **First**, I showed Dr. Max Wyss my successful Afghanistan prediction in 1998, and Mexico prediction in 1999, but he ignored both of them. I sent Nature a paper, but that was rejected in one week. By contrast, **Dr. Hough sent our paper to review**. Although you denied it, **she was still willing to publish it under "apart from predictions"**. Although I wasn't willing to accept that at the time, I see now that it may be a first step. The points you made also had **merit**, although each of us found mistakes in the other's work. **I got the score method of Brelsford & Jones from you** and am grateful for the use of it. I don't see why both of our opinions can't be published for review of our peers. Earthquake prediction is in its infancy. Only time will tell which predictive methods are valuable and which need work. I'm willing to wait and see for the good of the people whose lives we may save in working together.

Second, my purpose is to solve the earthquake prediction problems for science and for people. I want to "**synergize**" - **combining more and more scientists, including you and Dr. Hough**. I do not wish to offend either of you. If I show your review, and point out what I believe to be errors on my website, will this so damage our relationship as to make this impossible? With that in mind, I write both you and Dr. Hough to be sure that I have your permission to publish your review and email messages on our web site and other media so that everyone can review it fairly. But I do not want Dr. Hough to be angry again. I will not publish any of your work, or hers, if you tell me not to do so.

Finally, please tell me if there are other alternatives I have not considered. Are there portions of my work you feel are valuable and warrant publication? I am passionate about my work and about helping people. Please tell me if there is some way we can work together. If not, please tell me this honestly as well. I am at a crossroads and need to know my options.

Sincerely,

Zhonghao

On 6/3/07, **Alan Jones** <AlanJones@stny.rr.com> wrote:
Zhonghao,

You said:

So, you want me to show your review in our web site, don't you ?

No, I never wanted you to. I thought you asked for permission to do that. However, reviews are private. But in this case, Susan Hough gave me permission to provide the review to you. If you want to put it on your web site, you have my permission and Susan's. However, I would prefer to live in the present and the future and would prefer NOT to have it there. But, if you want to, you may.

Regards.

Alan