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Letter to the Editor*Dear Editor,***Reply to the comment by Bachmaier (2010) "On the misleading use of the term 'semivariance' in recent articles"**

Bachmeier¹ recently criticised terminology (usage of the term 'semivarance', instead of 'variance') that we used in our geostatistical analyses.^{2–4} We maintain that our terminology and mathematical treatment is consistent with usage in geostatistics.^{5–7} In addition, the statistical evaluation of our data, our results and their significance and biological meaning are not affected by this semantic debate in any way.

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