Review of: "Theory of a Chemical Kinetic Approach for the Estimation of the Age of Fingerprints"

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This manuscript should be published in the journal after the authors have responded to the criticisms listed below.

1. The differential equation for first order rate should be rewritten as its present form does not meet publication standards.

2. It would be helpful for the authors to show some real data. In this way, the uncertainty of the least squares fitting could be better understood and its impact upon the estimate of the age of the fingerprints processed using the proposed method.

3. It would also be helpful to verify the method using some known standards – fingerprints of known age to understand the limitation of the proposed method in terms of accuracy and precision.