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#### Calibration

The latest available international calibration curve (currently INTCAL13) should be used for calibration and the curve used should be named, as should the software and the method used for calibrating the dates, for example: 'The radiocarbon dates have been calibrated using the INTCAL13 calibration curve (Reimer *et al.* 2013), OxCal v4.2 (http://c14.arch.ox.ac.uk/) and the maximum intercept method (Stuiver & Reimer 1986); radiocarbon results shown in the graphs have been calibrated by the probability method (Stuiver & Reimer 1993)'. Calibrated date ranges should be quoted cal BC or cal AD at 95% (2σ) confidence or probability. It is conventional to round calibrated age ranges outwards, to the nearest 10 years if the error is 25 or more, by 5 if it is less than 25, following Mook (1986).

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If statistical modelling is employed, it is important to specify the structure and rationale of the model (Bayliss (2015) provides useful guidance) and the software and calibration dataset used. *PPS* prefers OxCal (Bronk Ramsey 2009; http://c14.arch.ox.ac.uk/). The most recent version (currently 4.2) should be used. The correct conventions for expression of modelled ranges should be used (see, for instance, Whittle *et al.* 2011).

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