We would like to thank the anonymous referee for his/her careful review of the manuscript and for providing these comments and suggestions to which we respond in detail below.

Reviewer's comment	Reply
I suggest the authors include some brief	To facilitate the understanding of these
descriptions of Extreme El Niño Events and	phenomena on sediment dynamics, we will
Coastal El Niño Events to have a complete idea	describe the characteristics of these events if
of their differences or impacts in the process	we have the opportunity to revise this
studied.	manuscript.
Sampling: how many samples of each source	We forgot to specify these technical elements.
were collected; how many subsamples	In this study we analyzed 13 composite samples
composed the sample?	composed of 5 subsamples. We will add this
	information in the revised version.
Considering laboratory analysis, why did the	The K and Rb were selected because they
authors choose the chemical elements	statistically differentiate the two sediment
described as tracing properties (Ti, K, Sr, Rb)?	sources (Andean mountains and Lowland dry
	forests). We detail these results in section 3.3.
	Finally, we added Ti and Sr because they are
	classically used to identify detrital inputs and
	particle size changes in sedimentary archives
	(section 2.2.2). Of note, these elements (Ti and
	Sr) were chosen to describe the core but were
	not used for the sediment tracing.
	This will be clarified when revising the
	manuscript.
Sediment core dating: is this the first work	The dating of this core was challenging since
which uses the relationship between E index	sediment was depleted in fallout radionuclides
temporal series and CT data to date a sediment	in this region (erosion rates are particularly high
core? Is the coefficient of determination	and initial radionuclide deposition was limited
obtained (0.45) acceptable for these studies? Is	in equatorial regions).
there a statistical significance value reported in	This approach of correlating climate data with
this analysis?	other data measured in sediment cores for
	estimating age model is not new. We will give
	examples of previous research using this
	technique in the revised version.
	In this study the r <sup>2</sup> is not high mainly because
	we did not compare rainfall data with sediment
	fluxes but we used instead a less accurate
	monthly rainfall index. We therefore miss a
	certain number of rainfall events that are
	recorded in the core and not with this index
	Nevertheless, despite this R <sup>2</sup> of 0.45, we are
	able to identify the major El Niño events, which
	allowed us to validate the age model.
Lithology, lines 190-191: do the authors	Thank you for pointing out this limitation. We
mention those main four coarse layers in the	will do so in the revised version.
core (which coincide with the thicker) in	
relation to the low standard deviation value of	
d10, d50 and d90?	
Sediment sources, lines 204-209: are K and Rb	We mention here the calibrated values in the
contents reported calibrated values, as the ones	soils (lines 203-209) and in line 210 the values
mentioned in line 210 for the sediment core?	measured in the core. We will add information

	to avoid any ambiguity in the revised version of
	the manuscript.
Technical corrections	We thank the reviewer for pointing out these
	minor technical problems. We will address
	these points when revising this manuscript if we
	are allowed to do so.