

Review of revised manuscript:

Linking satellites to genes with machine learning to estimate phytoplankton community structure from space

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Thank you to the authors for thorough revisions and thoughtful replies to reviewer suggestions. The following only minor/technical changes; following these changes I believe the manuscript is ready for publication.

Line 43: correct to “in terms of”

L45: I think the parentheses need to be corrected, as-is it is a mix of only around the year and around the full citation.

L88: suggest revision to “a micro-size diatom compared to a pico-sized *Synechococcus*” to remove subjectiveness of “huge” and “tiny”

L90: suggest changing “way greater” to “significantly greater”. Also *Syn* needs to be italicized in this line

Figure 1 caption: the second-to-last instance of *psbO* needs to be italicized

Fig 2 caption: the last instance of *psbO* needs to be italicized – double check throughout for consistency

L138: suggest revision to “We averaged the output of the four...”

L163: add a space before “Soppa”

L180: is there a specific number you deem a “low number” of pixels?

L 183: no need to re-define Chla here

L 236: I think “real” should be “non-transformed” Chla values?

L348: suggest revision to “observed for diatom Chla fraction,..”

L 359 ‘Threshold’ should not be capitalized. Or, perhaps revise to make the sentence currently within parentheses its own sentence.

L481: “groups; The” – ‘The’ should not be capitalized