

Dear John Huthnance,

we have responded to all referee's comments in the open discussion section. We would like to thank you for the swift coordination of the review and are very pleased with the process at Ocean Science. All changes, aside from the exchanged figures, were made using the track-changes functionality. We hope you are satisfied with our corrections. Please contact us if there are any further changes or remarks that need clarification.

Sincerely,

Robert Lepper (on behalf of the authors)