

Dear Editor and reviewers

Thank you very much for your willingness to accept our manuscript for publication. We are very happy that it has been accepted after our mayor revision.

Here, we just want to show that we have made very minor changes to the manuscript:

- As suggested by reviewer #2, we have removed the 'to' in Line 275.
- Where possible, some very short and consecutive paragraphs were merged into one paragraph, leaving them as a full stop in lines 156, 180 and 188.
- Finally, we slightly modified the opening paragraph of the results on lines 197-199. Where it said: 'Although the phytoplankton community identified in the present investigation was typical of the summer-autumn diatom assemblage described for the study area, its composition changed between seasons, ...'.

Now you will read: Phytoplankton community identified in the present investigation was typical of the summer-autumn diatom assemblage described for the study area, where the composition changed between seasons, ...".

Once again, thank you very much for the time spent on our manuscript, for all the suggestions that have helped us to substantially improve our manuscript.

The best regards

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