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YES

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YES: enlarge figure 07, in order to improve its readability.

14. Are the number and quality of references appropriate?

YES

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There is no supplementary material attached to this paper.

3. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

No corrections to be made.

SUMMARY

(version en Français) L'utilisation de données proxy liées à la viticulture n'est pas nouvelle, comme les auteurs le détaillent de façon précise avec les références bibliographiques appropriées. De ce point de vue, l'intérêt majeur de ce travail est d'avoir fait appel à l'utilisation de différentes sources de données liées à la vigne, et dont l'analyse combinée a produit des résultats aussi pertinents que passionnants.

Je souhaite aussi souligner la pertinence géographique des sites d'étude. En effet, l'intégration des régions de l'Est de la France à une étude sur l'Europe centrale n'est pas systématique d'une publication à l'autre, alors qu'elle se justifie par la régionalisation climatique de l'Europe. Ce choix est donc d'un intérêt tout particulier dans l'article de C. Pfister *et al*.

(*English version*) The use of proxy data related to viticulture is not new, as the authors detail in a precise way with the appropriate bibliographical references. From this point of view, the major interest of this work is to used different sources of data related to the vine, and whose combined analysis has produced results as relevant as exciting.

I also wish to emphasize the geographical relevance of the study sites. Indeed, the integration of the regions of Eastern France into a study on central Europe is not systematic from one publication to another, even though it is justified by the climatic regionalization of Europe. This choice is therefore of particular interest in the article by C. Pfister et al.