

## Point by point response to the Associate editor.

**Chiara Borrelli:** I thank the authors for addressing the comments and suggestions they received during the last round of reviews. I am happy to accept the work for publication in Biogeosciences – Congratulations!

Please, revise the Supp. Information to make sure that the species names are always reported in italics (i.e., Tables S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, and S11). In some of these tables, please note that the abbreviation of the genus name needs a period.

**AC:** All species names were revised in the supplementary file as suggested.

Finally, I recommend that you use either ‘shell’ or ‘test’ in a consistent manner throughout the manuscript.

**AC:** We have revised the final manuscript as suggested and chose to consistently use “test”.