

Interactive comment on “Winter measurements of biogeochemical parameters in the Rockall Trough (2009–2012)” by T. McGrath et al.

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Firstly I would like thank the reviewer for his/her comments. I do however not agree with the last point of including a cross over analysis with other cruises or the paper not being in the scope of ESSD. In the ‘Aims and Scope’ section on the home page of ESSD is says; “Articles in the data section may pertain to the planning, instrumentation and execution of experiments or collection of data. Any interpretation of data is outside the scope of regular articles” and also “Any comparison to other methods is out of scope of regular articles”. It was my understanding that the aim of the journal was to outline the methods used in the collection and analysis of data. I have cited McGrath et al. (2012a) and McGrath et al. (2012b) that have compared the data collected since

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2010 with that of WOCE data collected in the Rockall Trough in the 1990s.

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