

## ***Interactive comment on “A metadata template for ocean acidification data” by L.-Q. Jiang et al.***

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We thank Dr. J.-P. Gattuso for his comments on our template development!

We agree with Dr. Gattuso fully on the importance of international collaboration. Actually, one of our goals when we developed the metadata template was to make sure the template would be approved, adopted, and used by all major international OA databases. There are two major advantages: (1) to facilitate data transfer between data centers, (2) to make it easier for researchers to submit their data.

From the very beginning, we have tried really hard to levy inputs from the international community on the development of this metadata template. This was done through email solicitations and conference presentations. For example, Dr. Gattuso provided us comments on pH documentation in one round of the comments solicitation back in

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2012 (6/7/2012 2:14:43). Dr. Hernan Garcia also presented the template in the IAEA ocean acidification data management workshop that was organized by the OA-ICC (Monaco, April 2014). During the workshop, the OA-ICC data management curator, Ms. Yan Yang, as well as many other OA data center representatives, participated in the workshop.

In response to Dr. Gattuso's comments, we have revised the manuscript to cite all of the recommended references, and made sure to mention OA-ICC in the text. We acknowledge the previous efforts made by OA-ICC, and look forward to working with them, as well as other international partners, side by side on future versions of this OA metadata template.

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