

Interactive comment on “A compilation of global bio-optical in situ data for ocean-colour satellite applications – version two” by André Valente et al.

Anonymous Referee #2

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Very good update of a very useful product. Good data access and helpful data explanation / description.

Small changes suggested:

P4L18: “ARCSSPP,BARENTSSEA” needs a space

P18L29 to P19L1: “The table is comprises in situ observations between 1997 and 2017 ...” remove the word ‘is’?

P41 Figure 3. This reviewer finds Fig 3 very useful but perhaps somewhat confusing. To make their point about predominance of summer-time sampling more strongly, authors might consider regrouping this data into two side-by-side panels, one for NH and a second for SH? At present, the viewer needs to mentally oscillate between NH and

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SH as one reads downward by parameter. Also, empty (white) squares indicate no data for that parameter for that month?

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