

Interactive comment on “Variability and Trends in Physical and Biogeochemical Parameters of the Mediterranean Sea during a Cruise with RV MARIA S. MERIAN in March 2018” by Dagmar Hainbucher et al.

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We thank reviewer #2 for all his/her comments and criticism which helped us to improve our manuscript. All remarks were taken into account and the text and figures were amended accordingly. For the DOC part, the reviewer gives some very helpful insight to the biology and chemistry of the Eastern Mediterranean. This is certainly worth taking into consideration for a scientifically oriented paper analyzing the data. This is a paper for ESSD and though, the focus of the paper is the presentation of the data itself and a discussion of its quality. We keep the reviewer's comments in mind for further

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publications on the scientific results.

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