

***Interactive comment on* “Spring distribution of shelled pteropods across the Mediterranean Sea” by Roberta Johnson et al.**

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Dear Referee 1,

We appreciate your remarks and acknowledge the detailed and constructive comments that have greatly helped to clarify a number of points and to improve the manuscript. The main criticisms related to the sampling methodology, the statistical approach, and the lack of background information on pteropods in the Mediterranean. To address these points, we provided data comparing pteropod abundances above and below 200 m in the Mediterranean that validates our sampling methodology, updated and better justified our statistical approach, and provided context for our study by including a section comparing and contrasting our results with other pteropod studies in the Mediter-

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ranean. Our detailed responses to your comments, including expected modifications of the manuscript, can be found in the supplement to this post.

Kind regards,

Roberta Johnson and co-authors

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<https://www.biogeosciences-discuss.net/bg-2020-53/bg-2020-53-AC1-supplement.pdf>

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