

## ***Interactive comment on “Opportunistic feeding on various organic food sources by the cold-water coral *Lophelia pertusa*” by C. E. Mueller et al.***

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Response to referee #1.

We thank the referee for the constructive feedback. We fully agree with the referee that ideally the number of coral branches used during the experiment would have been higher, but logistic constraints prevented us from doing so. We have slightly modified the text to communicate this to reader.

Specific comments.

(1) The in text references are not given in chronological order.

This was changed throughout the revised manuscript.

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(2) There are occasional uses of terms I personally would not use, such as harvested for collection of corals.

'Harvest' was changed to 'collect' throughout the revised manuscript.

(3) The occasional sentences is a little awkward with the English, such as that commencing 'However looking more detailed...' (line 7, page 11390).

The respective paragraph was reformulated and the whole text was screened for language corrections.

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