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Interactive comment on "Spatiotemporal variability and drivers of pCO_2 and air—sea CO_2 fluxes in the California Current System: an eddy-resolving modeling study" by G. Turi et al.

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First, I'd like to thank the reviewer for the comments on the manuscript. While reading them, there were two points I'd like to comment:

1) About the figures' quality when printed (printer-friendly version of the discussion manuscript): I am afraid I do not have much control on the figure quality of the discussion manuscripts. Before accepting a manuscript for BGD, if I feel the figures need any improvement, then I send a comment to the authors. For the final manuscript version (after being accepted), the figures should also follow the instructions to the authors shown at http://www.biogeosciences.net/submission/manuscript_preparation.html

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My suggestion here to the authors is to try and enlarge the figures (especially those with CalCS maps and Hovmöller diagrams - when possible) for the revised manuscript version.

2) Unpublished papers (e.g. Nagai et al. 2013, cited by the authors):

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In this case I don't see why the authors shouldn't cite Nagai et al. My question here to the authors is: since you submitted your manuscript, were there changes in the Nagai paper status? If yes, then the Nagai reference in the manuscript should be updated.

I hope this helps the authors and reviewer #2.

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