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# ***Interactive comment on “Tidal controls on trace gas dynamics in a seagrass meadow of the Ria Formosa lagoon (southern Portugal)” by E. Bahlmann et al.***

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Please note that net community production (NCP) of seagrass during the immersion cannot be computed from CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes only. The reason for that is the buffering capacity of the carbonate system in seawater that makes evolution of CO<sub>2</sub> much lower than evolution of dissolved inorganic carbon uptaken by the plants. The method of Silva et al. (2008) has been criticized in the following paper: Abril G. (2009) Comment on: "Underwater measurements of carbon dioxide evolution in marine plant communities: A new method" by J. Silva et al. Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science 82: 357–360. Please carefully consider this point, especially when comparing immersion periods with

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air exposure periods.

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