

Interactive comment on “Protist community composition during early phytoplankton blooms in the naturally iron-fertilized Kerguelen area (Southern Ocean)” by C. Georges et al.

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This is a very interesting study of the protist molecular diversity in a HNLC reference station and a naturally iron-fertilised area. They observed a great diversity of taxonomic groups with marked differences between the different environmental conditions. There were some discrepancies between molecular and microscopy/pigment analyses, which may result from known biases inherent to the method that are explained in the ms and that are not trivial to circumvent. I have no major nor minor comment. The ms is well written and clear, with very interesting results.

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