

Interactive comment on “A multiproxy approach to understanding the “enhanced” flux of organic matter through the oxygen deficient waters of the Arabian Sea” by R. G. Keil et al.

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The authors thank anonymous referee #2 for their comments, which are minimal but instructive. As also mentioned by the first referee, we will make our text clearer about what data we explicitly have and what data are inferred or taken from other papers. We also recognize that a more robust methodological discussion of the drifting sediment traps that we used is warranted. The third comment is to minimize and then add to the discussion of minerals, ballast and TEP. We are grateful for the idea of discussing TEP but will not minimize the discussion of mineral effects since we a) have data for that and b) think it is potentially important.

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