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## ***Interactive comment on “The effect of temperature and salinity on the stable hydrogen isotopic composition of long chain alkenones produced by *Emiliania huxleyi* and *Gephyrocapsa oceanica*” by S. Schouten et al.***

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In my previous editorial comment, I requested that:

1. the method used to measure salinity must be described in the Material and methods section and
2. if the Practical Salinity Scale 1978 was used, then all instances of "PSU" should be deleted because salinity measured according to the Practical Salinity Scale 1978 has no unit.

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In their initial reply published on 1st February 2006, the authors indicated their willingness to follow common usage and keep using "PSU". I am pleased that, in their most recent reply (published on 10 February 2006), they finally agree with my request. Indeed the editorial policy of *Biogeosciences* is to use units of the *Système International d'Unités* or units approved by other specialized international standardizing organizations. Manuscripts which do not follow this requirement cannot be accepted for publication.

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