

## ***Interactive comment on “Biogeochemical processes and microbial diversity of the Gullfaks and Tommeliten methane seeps (Northern North Sea)” by G. Wegener et al.***

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We would like to thank the referee for the in general positive statements he/ she gave to the manuscript. The referee recognized our contribution in bringing together microbiology, atmospheric effects and geological features of the seabed. The lipid biomarker pattern and stable carbon isotope composition data and discussion was recognized to be an important contribution in marine seep research.

Thanks for the notes about technical errors occurred while preparing the manuscript. Those errors were clarified. Spelling and expression improvements were corrected. The reference library and the citations within the text were revised. I like to thank this referee for the in general very positive statement and for the intense checking of

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numbers, citation and grammar.

Following the comments of both referees the manuscript was improved. I hope the modifications of the manuscript are satisfactory.

In behalf of the authors Gunter Wegener

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