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***Interactive comment on* “Selective preservation of organic matter in marine environments – processes and impact on the fossil record” by K. A. F. Zonneveld et al.**

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On pages 6380-6381, the paper states "McKenna et al. (2009) recently identified vanadyl porphyrins in raw crude oil using FTMS".

I wish to call to your attention that my colleagues have prior claim to this observation.

Qian, K., Mennito, A.S., Edwards, K.E. Ferrughelli, D.T., 2008. Observation of vanadyl porphyrins and sulfur-containing vanadyl porphyrins in a petroleum asphaltene by atmospheric pressure photonization Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry. *Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry* 22, 2153-2160.

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