

***Interactive comment on “Native *Dreissena*
freshwater mussels in the Balkans: in and out of
ancient lakes” by T. Wilke et al.***

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This MS provides a highly readable and nicely illustrated account on the evolutionary history of *Dreissena* in the Balkans. Being well placed into general context, the authors use genetic data and a population genetics approach to test biogeographic and systematic issues and to gain insights into the demographic history of the group, which is infamous for its invasive members. The wide range of topics touched makes this MS palatable to an equally wide audience. A revision is hardly necessary, I just found one small orthographic mistake: p. 4428 l. 5: should be "ones" instead of "once"

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