

## ***Interactive comment on “Determination of the metabolically active fraction of benthic foraminifera by means of Fluorescent in situ Hybridization (FISH)” by C. Borrelli et al.***

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Thank you. The name and model of the refractometer used as well as the method of calibration must be indicated in the revised manuscript together with the precision of the measurements. It would be surprising to get a precision better than  $\pm 1$  per mil.

It seems that you used commercial pH buffers made on the National Bureau of Standard (N.B.S.) scale. You can check on the bottles. It is critical that this information is provided in the revised manuscript together with the name of the manufacturer of the pH meter and pH electrode.

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