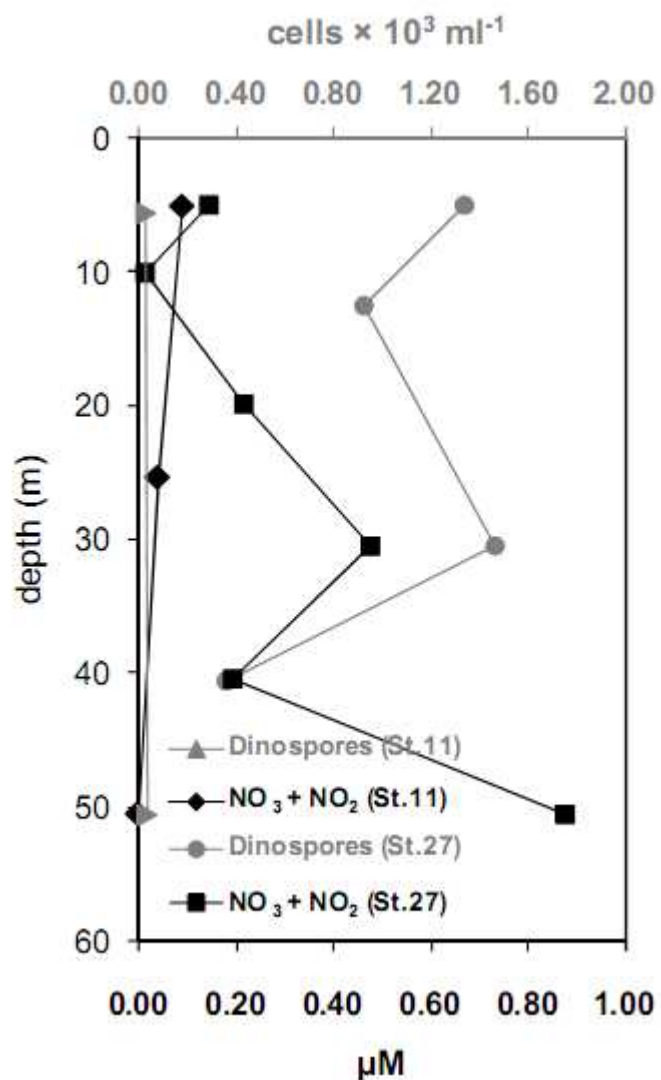


According to editor's suggestion we propose a new figure including $\text{NO}_3 + \text{NO}_2$ and dinospore data of both station 27 and 11 on the same scale. This effectively makes the comparison between the two stations easier.



NEW Fig. 3. Dinospore' abundances and $\text{NO}_3 + \text{NO}_2$ concentrations along the first 50 m of the water column at the coastal station 27 at the station 11, chosen as representative of the ultraoligotrophic conditions of the sampling area.