

Interactive comment on “Short term changes in methanol emission and pectin methylesterase activity are not directly affected by light in *Lycopersicon esculentum*” by P. Y. Oikawa et al.

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The paper bg-2010-326 by Oikawa et al. has been assessed by three reviewers. Their assessments were very positive - one reviewer suggested that minor revisions were necessary whereas the other two even suggested to accept the paper as is. I concur with the three reviewers that this paper is already a very solid contribution requiring little modifications in order to become published in BG. However, I nevertheless ask the authors to take the reviewer comments into account when preparing a revised paper. In particular the comment by Peter Harley on the interpretation of the first experiment should be given serious thoughts. While the suggestion by Tom Sharkey, forcing stom-

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atal closure at constant light and temperature, would be an additional very conclusive test for the authors hypothesis, I do not think that adding these data to the paper is necessary at this stage unless the authors wish to do so in order to make their story waterproof.

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