

***Interactive comment on* “Tracing atmospheric nitrate in groundwater using triple oxygen isotopes: evaluation based on bottled drinking water” by U. Tsunogai et al.**

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Dear Prof. Brenninkmeijer,

Thank you very much for your kind comments and suggestions regarding our manuscript. Below are our responses to each of your comments.

> 16494/2. "types". Perhaps better "brands".

We have corrected this in the revised manuscript.

> 16497/14 "acquaintances in abroad" leave "in" out.

We have corrected this in the revised manuscript.

> 16502/12 "negative..less than 0"

We have corrected this in the revised manuscript.

> 16499/1 "a method" Could you very briefly mention what it is, an enzymatic method, or heating, reducing or whatever?

We reduced chemically. We have clarified this in the revised manuscript.

We thank you for your helpful comments and suggestions. We trust that our responses to your comments and questions are satisfactory.

Sincerely, Urumu Tsunogai

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