

Interactive comment on “Chemosynthesis in the deep-sea: life without the sun” by C. Smith

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I just wanted to thank all three of my referees for their helpful comments on my publication. All the comments were much appreciated and I am grateful that you took the time to read my paper and to offer your advice and criticism. In particular, thank you for suggesting other primary sources that you believe could provide useful additions and updated information; I will make sure to incorporate them into my revised manuscript. All of the suggestions on where things could be changed to a better wording or to more properly convey the desired conclusions will be taken into consideration as I work on the new draft. I wanted to specifically address one concern of Referee #3 on permission to use certain figures. After reading your comments I have contacted the publishers requesting permission to use those figures in my manuscript and am waiting to hear back from them. If they do not give permission I will remove those figures from the revised manuscript, thank you for alerting me to this possible copyright

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issue. Overall I believe the peer review process has been extremely positive and I will take all the critiques into consideration as I prepare to revise my work.

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