

## ***Interactive comment on “Seafloor observations at Campeche Knolls, southern Gulf of Mexico: coexistence of asphalt deposits, oil seepage, and gas venting” by Heiko Sahling et al.***

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We thank Referee #3 for the positive revision. We applied the suggested changes. However, as two reviewers suggested to be more cautious in the age estimates based on vestimentiferan tube length, we included the reference by Cordes et al. (2007) as suggested by Referee #3 but changed the discussion following Referee #1 and #2.

A revised version of the manuscript considering the comments of Referee #1, #2, and #3 as well as the SC3 has been uploaded, including a version with tracked changes.

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