

Interactive comment on “Effect of the silica content of diatom prey on the production, decomposition and sinking of fecal pellets of the copepod *Calanus sinicus*” by Hongbin Liu and Chih-Jung Wu

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Referee #1 provided very detailed editing to our manuscript. Thank you very much!

Regarding to the two main issues, Liu et al. has been officially published (see reference below). We have also added more detailed procedures of measuring biogenic silica in the methodology section.

The reviewer suggested to put a hyphen between several pairs of words. While some of them are well accepted, I feel some words are better not being hyphenated. For example, "low prey concentration" is not exactly the same to "low-prey concentration".

Therefore, I have accepted some suggestion, e.g., high-silica and low-silica, but not all of them. Other than that, other English-related suggestions are all accepted or addressed.

Reference: Liu, H., Chen, M., Zhu, F., and Harrison, P.J.: Effect of diatom silica content on copepod grazing, growth and reproduction. *Front. Mar. Sci.*, 3, 89, 2016. doi: 10.3389/fmars.2016.00089

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