

Dear Dr. Middelburg:

Thank you very much for your careful review of our revised manuscript. We have made all of the changes you requested, except that we did not change “sea ice” to “sea-ice” in the abstract. There are eleven instances of “sea ice” in the manuscript and we would prefer to leave them all unhyphenated, however, if the Biogeosciences editorial style guide favours “sea-ice” then we give permission for all instances of “sea ice” in the manuscript to be changed to “sea-ice”. We have provided a pdf version of the Supplement (as that was the only file format accepted through the website) but can provide the Supplement as a .tex file and the individual supplemental figure files upon request. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cara Manning