

Interactive comment on “Aphotic N₂ fixation along an oligotrophic to ultraoligotrophic transect in the Western Tropical South Pacific Ocean” by Mar Benavides et al.

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We are greatly pleased by this reviewer’s positive comments and appreciation of our work. We note that there was an error in our text, and in fact, as shown in Table 1, Unc12217 is most closely related with *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (83%), not *V. diazotrophicus*. The OTU still falls within Gammaproteobacteria and near the *Vibrio* spp. cluster. To maintain consistency with Table 1, we have changed the text in the revised manuscript. Overall this change does not affect our conclusions.

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