Dear Jack,

Thank you very much for handling this manuscript and thanks you for pointing out the errors below.

-p.4, l.21 is unclear as written. ... in the absence of electron acceptors DIC and CH4 are produced....

Response: Yes, this became garbled during editing. Changed to: "and, in the absence of electron acceptors other than CO2, CH4"

- p.12, l. 25.. Gulf differ markedly.....

Response: Corrected.

Kind regards, Katja