

## ***Interactive comment on “The Mediterranean subsurface phytoplankton dynamics and their impact on Mediterranean bioregions” by Julien Palmiéri et al.***

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Now that we received all referees comment, and took a step back from this study for a bit, I can appreciate that (unfortunately for us, the authors) the referee #1 is probably right. It is always hard to get a critical review after a lot a effort, and we – I – put a lot of effort in this study, and it seems that it is not yet over. The authors would like to apology for our vigorous first answer, and would like to thanks the referee #1 for his/her effort in reviewing this paper. I still think that our model could be used in this study, at least as a first attempt. But if 3 referees have found that our model is not convincing, we have go on and find another – more realistic – model for this study. It will not be an easy task,

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but we are already on this new quest to find the right (at least better) Mediterranean biogeochemical model. Hoping you will find it more adequate, would you review the next version of this paper.

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