

Dear editor,

We would like to thank you for your suggestion. We deleted the repeating point that Ni serving as a micronutrient when the primary nitrogen source is urea. We moved the text regarding hormesis downwards as a separate paragraph for the readability of the text. We also deleted the point that the cell densities of *E. huxleyi* were enhanced in line 229 in the manuscript containing tracked changes. This appeared to be a repeating point of hormesis hypothesis. From line 193–281, there are 4 paragraphs in total in the manuscript containing tracked changes.

With regards,

On behalf of the co-authors, Xiaoke Xin