

Dear Ali,

I have now received comments, from two referees, on the latest version of your paper. The referees are the same as those of the previous version. Referee 1 had asked for a major revision and a further review. Referee 2 had only requested minor revisions, without further review. I have nevertheless sent the new version to him/her, asking him/her to check if the revisions he/she has asked for had been properly made.

Both referees consider the paper can be published as it is. I therefore accept it, but nevertheless ask you to make a few final editing corrections.

1. Please define HCMR (p. 9, l. 5) and OSE (p. 18, l. 13).
2. Caption of Fig. 8, l. 3. *Y-axis → vertical axis.*
3. Figure 8 and associated text. You mention *Nout*, while what is written on the figure itself seems to be *Nbdd*. Please correct.
4. P. 15, l. 12, ... *for the exemplary case on ... → ... on the example of ...* (that is what I understand ; the meaning is different)
5. Caption of Fig. A1. Define more precisely what *volume temperature* and *volume salinity* are.

I thank you again for having submitted your paper to the NPG Special Issue in tribute to Anna Trevisan,

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