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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The paper takes into account only two years of research and for this reason it is classified like a short communication or preliminary report. For short communication this is enough level of research. In paper authors concluded that the TOC and labile-carbon has not changed significantly among sampling points along the transect and the second conclusion was: "both fractions of carbon decreased with depth". I strongly recommended that authors set up experiments for a longer period. Sampling should be conducted in spring and in autumn. In this way they will get the results of systematic research. Paper was written correctly and I have no objections for the language.	Setting up experiment for a longer period will only show difference in magnitude I believe the trend will remain the same. The samples for this work were collected in Spring and Autumn