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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of Biochemistry Research & Review
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Title of the Manuscript:	Seasonal occurrence of <i>Gymnodinium catenatum</i> and Paralytic shellfish Poisoning in the Mediterranean shore of Morocco

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
As previously requested and not attended by the authors: it is necessary to emphasise at least in the text, the time difference between the sampling days in Figure 2. Such time difference is masked in the Figure 2, taking the reader to assume that the samplings took place every 7 days, which is not true (although the dates are labelled properly). For Figure 2a, the graphical spacings (always the same) between the samples are completely different from the time intervals: 8 days, 13 days, 14 days and 8 days. The spacings between samples in the figure 2b are 8 days, 2 days, 6 days and 7 days; and for Figure 2c are 14 days, 7 days, 14 days, days, 7 days, 14 days, 7 days, 8 days and 6 days. About the 2nd paragraph of Results section: There are 13 days (nearly two weeks) of lack of data between samplings of the dates 12/01/2010 and 25/01/2010 that prevent one to conclude whether the time lag between <i>G. catenatum</i> cell concentration and PSP detected in the mussel's tissue was of 1 day only or 13 days and there is a big difference of 1 day time lag from 13 days time lag. This might be better explored in the text emphasising the lack of samplings between the days 12 and 25/01/2010. The 4th paragraph (i.e., the paragraph starting with "Frequency of <i>G. catenatum</i> blooms in this region of Morocco is"... in the Discussion section, should be revised and better distribute the citations as all the citations are located after the period in the 5th line of this paragraph. I strongly recommend to improve not only the text but also the graphics in Figure 2 (distribute the samples respecting the sampling time intervals), because I believe that these kind of information is important to be registered.	It is already mentioned in the text (section sample collection) that the lack of samples in some days and some weeks was due to the problem of weather. The emphasis on the time difference between the sampling days has been also added in the text (section Results). For figure 2, the graphics spacings between the samples are corrected. The emphasis on the lack of sampling between the days 12 and 25/01/2010 has been added in the text (section Results). Discussion revised. The text and the graphics are improved.