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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The manuscript describes a limiting nutrient study conducted in the southern Adriatic Sea during the years of 2011-2012. The paper was not well-prepared and has a lot of problems. Specifically: • The concept is very well-known; there is nothing new in the paper. Abstract and Introduction contain book-info. • It is an old data; such an information in the coastal areas has no meaning after that much of years. Limiting nutrient in the coastal areas change very often and should be determined seasonally. • The applied Method is not scientifically acceptable; Determination of limiting nutrient just by measuring NO₃ and PO₄ concentrations may not always be a true approach, the best is using ¹⁴C, for that aim . Moreover, the collection, preservation, details of analysis for the samples were not described. • No statistics • Figure 1, describing the sampling stations, is not clear • The language throughout the paper is obscure.	I want to thank you for your opinions. I have highlight to yellow all changing. I think that my paper is original, and I don't agree in all with your opinions like in this paper is nothing new. Using ¹⁴C it would be a good way, but these are conditions. Thank very much for your support.
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