

Data Paper

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Reviewer #1 (3/7/2021–3/14/2021)

Reviewer #2 (3/8/2021–3/19/2021)

Reviewer #1: Mitsuo Fukuchi

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In the 5th line of abstract: "traveling or travelling" is fine but "sailing" seems to be an alternate wording.

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The 3rd line from the end of "1. Background & Summary", "the JARE monitoring program" should be "the JARE monitoring programs"

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These comments are very minor points. This report is one of serial publications of *Polar Data Journal* and a sort of consistency among these publications must be continued.

Reviewer #2: Graham Hosie

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Authors Response:

Thank you very much for your e-mail concerning our manuscript together with the comments from the two reviewers. We found several important points to be improved before acceptance on this Journal. We have made some minor changes, according to referee's comments.

Response to Reviewer #1;

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A: change “the name of the station” to “the coding of station”.

The “readability” of the balance is the minimum value displayed by the balance. This is the general precision notation for balances, so we used this expression.

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We hope that our revisions will improve the manuscript to your agreement.

Response to Reviewer #2;

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