

Data Paper

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Reviewer #1 (PDJ-D-18-00007-3/3/2019)

Reviewer #2 (PDJ-D-18-00007-3/1/2019)

Editor Comments to the Author:

Both reviewers are suggesting that your paper is worthwhile and should be published. In addition, reviewers made very useful and constructive comments to improve the manuscripts. I would like to ask you to revise your manuscripts according to the comments and prepare necessary responses to the questions.

Reviewer #1: Swadling Kerrie

This paper presents a useful dataset of chlorophyll a and macro-nutrients collected during the regular summer transect of Umitaka-maru. It is good that the data are being made available in an open forum; as this dataset develops it will be very useful for tracking change in the Indian Sector of the Southern Ocean. I have made several grammatical suggestions that I hope will be helpful.

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X axis of the graphs is latitude. We divided the data into two durations because sampling locations during the first half was along 110°E meridian but those during the second half was not so.

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“The course of the Umitaka-maru is almost same every year; leave from Fremantle, goes down to ice edge (ca. 65°S) along 110°E meridian and back to Hobart. During water sampling from underway pump for chlorophyll a and macro-nutrient concentrations are obtained twice a day, and Photosynthetically Active Radiation is continuously measured by a sensor mounted on the navigation bridge deck of the ship. The vertical water sampling for chlorophyll a concentration were conducted at 6 station along 110°E meridian, although macro-nutrients concentration at the same stations were determined by the another monitoring program.”

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We added “Macro-nutrients and photosynthetically active radiation, which would also varied with climate changes in surface mixed layer, are essentials for phytoplankton growth. A model study, for example, suggested that dominant factors affecting predicted changes in phytoplankton biomass and the structure from 1980 to 2100 are nutrients and temperature in the equator to mid latitude regions and light and temperature in the marginal sea-ice to subpolar regions, respectively (Marinov et al., 2010). Therefore, these measurements with chlorophyll a concentration and the size composition enable us better understand of spatio-temporal variability in phytoplankton biomass.” to end of the first paragraph.

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These are names of monitoring program, so we cannot change the name. We changed the sentence using the word “program”, e.g. “One of the routine observation program of the Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE), named “Biological Oceanography”, which was renamed to...”

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