

Interactive comment on “Methane cycling within sea ice; results from drifting ice during late spring, north of Svalbard” by Josefa Verdugo et al.

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Dear authors,

Unfortunately we have been unable to receive a second reviewer comment in any acceptable time, even though we already extended the deadline six times, for a total period of 7 weeks. As there were no other public comments either, I provide a short editor evaluation here to be able to move the manuscript forward, noting that I am not an expert on the specific topic.

However, as my own, initial impression of your manuscript was quite positive, and as the one review we have is generally positive as well, and has mainly formal concerns, I will now close the discussion and move forward with your response and revision of the

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work. Please take the comments of the reviewer carefully into account, and improve your writing and balanced discussion as suggested in there. Once you have submitted your comments, and then the revisions, we will send the manuscript out for another review again. Please note that you will first be asked to provide short, high level replies that show that you can sufficiently improve your manuscript, and that detailed replies and comments are only required once you submit your revised manuscript.

Thank you for your patience, and hopefully we can now move on swiftly. Best regards
Christian Haas

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