

Interactive comment on “Variability of water mass properties in the Strait of Sicily in summer period of 1998–2013” by A. Bonanno et al.

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S. Ben Ismail: page 818 section 3.2.1 line 26 mesoscale processes (Gasparini et al., 2005) change with (Sammari et al., 1999; Ben Ismail et al., 2012) as Gasparini et al., 2005 study long term changes in the Eastern Mediterranean. Authors: We agree and we will modify the sentence accordingly.

S. Ben Ismail: page 819 line 9 Robinson et al., 1999 Authors: We agree and we will modify the sentence accordingly.

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et al, 2013 ? Authors: We agree with the suggestion and, if the Editor will allow us to submit a revised version of the manuscript, we want to make some comparisons with the results reported in Ismail et al., 2013, with particular reference to the western part of our study area.

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