

## ***Interactive comment on “Seasonal variability of upwelling radiance polarization over the Southern Baltic surface” by Włodzimierz Freda***

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Although the addressed topic of polarization of upwelling radiance just below and just above the sea surface has scientific merit and significance, in my opinion this manuscript requires extensive major improvements in language and presentation of scientific content to make it suitable for a review process. In addition to numerous problems related to language, there are also various problems associated with unmet standards of scientific writing, such as the lack of precision in writing, the use of mental shortcuts, unclear formulation of scientific messages, inadequate preparation of figures (e.g., the lack of labels a,b, ... for the specific figure panels), and unsatisfactory figure captions that should be self-explanatory. For example, in Abstract that should be self-explanatory, the term "inherent optical properties" is used without indicating that it relates to seawater (and not to the atmosphere which could potentially be also

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relevant in the context of Abstract), the term "wavelength" is used without indicating that it relates to light (and not, for example, to sea surface waves which could also be potentially relevant in the context of Abstract because sea surface is mentioned a few times), and the term "Monte Carlo simulations" is used without indicating what is actually being simulated (it should be specifically indicated that these simulations are for radiative transfer in the atmosphere-ocean system). It appears that a preparation of improved manuscript would benefit from involvement of an English language expert in scientific writing who can help achieve correct and improved language and meet the standards of scientific writing and presentation.

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