**Interactive comment on** “Assessing the ecological status of plankton in Anjos Bay: a flow cytometry approach” by G. C. Pereira et al.

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Dear Mr. Congratilations These two ratios are different. In fact I try to show the difference between using an autotrophic/heterotrophic ratio that is normally used and the inverse. When I plot values of heterotrophic prokaryotes or the autotrophic/heterotrophic ratio with temperature any pattern is found. However, if I use the heterotrophic/autotrophic ratio we see a pattern as shown in Figure 1. Thanks for yor view

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