Interactive comment on “Effects of the interaction of ocean acidification, solar radiation, and warming on biogenic dimethylated sulfur compounds cycling in the Changjiang River Estuary” by Shan Jian et al.

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Question 1. Lack of reference to the existing literature: There are now a good number of published papers out there that report the effects of OA on DMS and related compounds, but the authors have only cited a handful. In particular, the works of Archer et al. (Arctic mesocosm), Webb et al. (various mesocosms), and Hopkins et al. (various mesocosms and shipboard studies), Hussherr et al. (shipboard) are not mentioned at all, which seems a little odd. To me, it is important to place your findings within the context of the existing literature. They do mention a few examples, but with some errors in referencing: e.g. Avgoustidi et al. 2012 is given in the reference list, but they also mention Avgoustidi 2006 in the text but not the list of references.


Question 2. Lack of appreciation of the ‘bigger picture’: Why do we perform these kinds of experiments? Ultimately, it is to generate data that may be utilised by modellers within earth system models. Some recognition/discussion of this would be useful. At
least, some discussion of published studies (Six et al., Schwinger et al.) to provide the reader with an understanding of the potential DMS-climate feedbacks resulting from OA. Otherwise why do we care?


Question 3. Language weaknesses: The entire paper needs language checking. The structure of the paper needs some consideration - for example, large chunks of the ‘Results’ text would probably be considered more suitable for the ‘Discussion’. I would recommend that the authors carefully consider all of the above and the detailed points raised by Reviewer #1 before even considering resubmitting this paper. In its current form, it is far from suitable for publication.

Reply: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have adjusted the structure of the ‘Results’ and ‘Discussion’. “The concentrations of DMSPp showed significant differences among three treatments (p ≤ 0.008) for high-temperature treatments and minimal differences under ambient temperature treatments. Results from two-way ANOVA illustrated the interaction between temperature and pH on DMSPp concentration (p = 0.001). This indicated that the pH and temperature influenced the biological produc-

tion of the dimethylated sulfur compounds in seawater.” has been pulled together into: “4.2 The effect of the interaction between OA and environmental factors”. The revised content appears in Page 13 Line 17-26: “The concentrations of DMSPp showed significant differences among three treatments (p ≤ 0.008) for high-temperature treatments and minimal differences under ambient temperature treatments. Results from two-way ANOVA illustrated the interaction between temperature and pH on DMSPp concentration (p = 0.001). This result indicated that temperature could regulate the effect of pH on the biological productions of DMS and DMSPp in seawater. In addition, Todgham and Stillman (2013) reported that multiple stressors could influence performance independently (additive) or interactively (antagonistic or synergistic). We can infer that OA and warming play a synergistic role in the production of dimethylated sulfur compounds. This result is consistent with that reported by Six et al. (2013) who showed that global warming could be amplified through pH dependence of DMS production. Therefore, global environmental change manifesting in OA and warming may not result in a decreased DMS as suggested by the effect of elevated CO2 in isolation” In order to improve the level of English, the manuscript has been edited for language by EnPapers: http://www.enpapers.com/

In short, we have carefully considered the reviewers’ comments and suggestions and conducted the revision seriously. We are very thankful to the reviewers for all the valuable comments and helpful suggestions to improve this manuscript.

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