



Dear Dr. Steindel,

We have fully revised our manuscript: "Deployment of the *In Situ* Chemotaxis Assay (ISCA) to examine microbial behavior in aquatic ecosystems" in light of the reviewers' recommendations.

We have also attached our point by point response to their comments.

We certify that this manuscript has not been previously published and has not been submitted for publication elsewhere while under consideration. We declare no Conflict of Interest.

Thank you very much for handling the manuscript and for engaging with us. We remain at your disposal for any additional clarification and in the meantime, we send you our best regards.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the authors,

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