



Dear Dr. Mark Yunker,
Associate Editor, Organic Geochemistry

We are pleased to resubmit the revised version of the manuscript "Early diagenetic alterations of sterols biomarkers during particle settling and burial in polluted and pristine areas of the Rio de la Plata basin" by E. D. Speranza, M. Colombo, C.N. Skorupka and J. C. Colombo (Ms. OG-3426). The manuscript has been corrected according to the reviewers' comments and it has been thoroughly edited by several people in order to check typing and style.

We acknowledge you and both referees for your careful revision which help us to clarify several concepts, to correct some mistakes and to format the manuscript according the journal guidelines. The responses to each comment are listed in the "Response to reviewers" file, uploaded to the EES.

Sincerely yours,

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