

Interactive comment on "The pCO_2 estimates of the late Eocene in South China based on stomatal density of *Nageia* Gaertner leaves" by X.-Y. Liu et al.

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Perhaps the most important criticism in my view was the lack of a good and detailed calibration with modern Nageia leaves from several locations. It would seem a not-too-arduous task to collect leaves of modern Nageia from several locations, and to measure their stomatal properties. This would add a critical dimension.

I appreciate Dana's review, and I think now that the author's almost have to address this issue before publication in CoP. I write this now, rather than waiting for all formalities (1+month), as it gives the authors additional time to do this important work. (Indeed, I am hoping, based on previous correspondence, that they are already pursuing).

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Thanks for your advice, we have got more modern specimens and added more data to the calibration.

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