

Interactive comment on “Orbital and millennial-scale environmental changes between 64 and 25 ka BP recorded in Black Sea sediments” by L. S. Shumilovskikh et al.

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Dear Dr. Shumilovskikh, I sincerely apologise for the delay in writing this mail to you since we received the referee reports. I was out of station for field-work. As you are aware that we have received two mandatory reviews of your manuscript. The open discussion on your manuscript is over and we request you to submit your response to the referees' comments.

We request you to specifically answer some of the issues raised by the Referees. As you will notice that Referee 1, Dr. M. F. Sanchez Goñi, has serious concerns regarding placement of the study area i.e. the Northern Anatolia region in a Mediterranean

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region rather than in “Subtropical Regime Mountains” ecoregion. This change in biogeographical delineation will change the interpretations. Besides, she has also raised some points in the ‘Materials and Methodology’ section. The second Referee does not agree with the way you interpret the change in pollen assemblages.

In view of these points, the referees recommend reinterpretation of the data and major revision of the manuscript before it should be considered for publication in *Climate of the Past*. We encourage you to carefully consider the referee reports and submit a revised version of the manuscript. Your revised manuscript should be accompanied by a detailed letter that indicates how the revised manuscript addresses the reviewer concerns.

We look forward for your response to referees’ comments.

With warm regards

Sincerely Yours Guest Editors

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