

***Interactive comment on “Past African dust inputs in Western Mediterranean area controlled by the complex interaction between ITCZ, NAO and TSI” by P. Sabatier et al.***

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In Fig. 4, why did you not use the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  record of monsoon rainfall and ITCZ position over West Africa from Shanahan et al. (2009) to discuss the influence of the ITCZ migration on your record in the Western Mediterranean ?

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