Dear reviewer,

Here we present the 90% confidence bounds for each of the correlations of Absorbing Aerosol Index (AAI) with biological proxies over the ocean. Confidence bounds were calculated by the bias-corrected and accelerated (BCa) bootstrap method (Efron, 1987) with 20.000 replications using functions from the R packages "boot" (Davison and Hinkley, 1997; Canty and Ripley, 2014) and "raster" (Hijmans and Etten, 2013).

Correlations are presented here in the order they appear in the manuscript. Correlation with chlorophyll-*a* is presented first (Figure 1), than with  $C_{phyto}$  (Figure 2), Diatoms dominance (Figure 3) and Synechococcus dominance (Figure 4).

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Figure 1 - Chlorophyll-*a* and AAI correlation. Spearman's correlation is presented in the upper panel, and the lower (A) and upper (B) confidence bounds are presented in the lower panel.



Figure 2 -  $C_{phyto}$  and AAI correlation. Spearman's correlation is presented in the upper panel, and the lower (A) and upper (B) confidence bounds are presented in the lower panel.



Figure 3 – Diatom dominance and AAI correlation. Spearman's correlation is presented in the upper panel, and the lower (A) and upper (B) confidence bounds are presented in the lower panel.



Figure 4 – Synechococcus dominance and AAI correlation. Spearman's correlation is presented in the upper panel, and the lower (A) and upper (B) confidence bounds are presented in the lower panel.