Interactive comment on "Hydrothermal activity lowers trophic diversity in Antarctic sedimented hydrothermal vents" *by* James B. Bell et al.

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Here follows the reviewer comments from reviewer 1 (black) along with our responses (blue). We thank the reviewer for their helpful comments and for their detailed attention to the present manuscript. These comments were prepared by the lead author (JB Bell), with all co-authors given opportunity to comment.

Comments and responses are attached in the pdf supplement that accompanies this response.

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