Cover Letter

Dear editor,

Please find the last version of our manuscript "Plio-Quaternary tectonic evolution of the southern margin of the Alboran Basin (Western Mediterranean)". The small modifications have been made according to your remarks. About the call of the figure 12, this figure was already called in the section 3.1. after the figure 11. We checked the reference to Crespo-Blanc et al., (2016). They propose a synthesis of the paleomagnetic data for the internal and external Rif and the Betic since 9 Ma. We also modified the discussion. We meant that the angle between the PDZ and the trend of the folds that is the stretching direction is equal to 20°. We simplified the sentence by removing the mention about the pure-shear dominated regime since we do not provide estimations of the vorticity.

We hope the paper is now suitable for the final acceptance.

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