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Journal Name:	International Journal of Environment and Climate Change
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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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# **PART 1:** Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	Overall, the entire paper needs strong revision. It lacks important and strong references, methods and discussion. The authors need to check most of the information throughout the text, there are some awry sentences. For this paper to be accepted, it requires major revision, more details about the methods used and more scientific discussion.	
Minor REVISION comments	Abstract: Abstract needs more information. It is confusing and requires more scientific revision.	
	Introduction:  1 <sup>st</sup> paragraph: Aerosols have more than one size, it depends on the particle type and its suspension. You cannot say that they are tiny. Vide Seinfeld and Pandis as reference.	
	When you say: "For example, sulphate aerosols scatters the solar radiation results in negative radiative forcing responsible for cooling of Earth, whereas BC has efficient light absorbing characteristics, that leads to warming effect" You need to specify this. The way you mentioned is not completely right. Yes, they have these proprieties but in the liquid effect.	
	The whole paragraph needs to be revised. There are plenty of information that requires more scientific reference. You make affirmations that are not completely right. Please review your entire paragraph.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph: When you say: " <i>Another study, Kompalli et al. (2018) confirms the highest</i>	
	concentration of BC during summer attributed to winds mainly from south and south directions and	
	found the possibilities of ex-situ particles and gaseous species in the study site. Based on the	
	prelude, current study was taken up to understand the daily, monthly and seasonal variability in the	
	study site."	
	This entire paragraph needs to be revised. There are several papers that study BC aerosols	
	throughout the world. Please look at them with attention. Also, revise your scientific written.	
	Topic 2.3: There is no need to inform the format of your files, nor what software you used to generate	
	your results.	
	Discussion and results:	
	Your entire results section needs discussion and revision. There are several sentences that require	
	reference as well as scientific discussion.	
	Topic 4.2: the entire paragraph needs revision.	
	Topic 4.3: Did you separate BC aerosols, or you just compared AOD with mass concentration? Did you convert AOD into mass concentration to make this comparison? How do you know that enhancement of AOD is related to BC aerosols?	
	Please pay attention on your sentences, most of them are confusing.	

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Optional/General comments	English needs to be strongly revised.	
PART 2:		
	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)

## **Reviewer Details:**

Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?

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(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)

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