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Interactive comment on “Presenting SAPUSS: solving aerosol problem by using synergistic strategies at Barcelona, Spain” by M. Dall’Osto et al.

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I really appreciate the work done by the two Referees in examining the paper and expressing their valid concerns. On the other hand, I feel that their major criticisms are more applicable to a general scientific paper than to an overview introducing a special issue. I agree here with editor Gordon McFiggans about the unclear ACP guidelines providing specific terms of reference for reviewing overview papers. I encourage Referees and Authors to refer to McFiggans’ editor comment on the introducing paper to the CARES project:

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I believe that the Authors have clarified in their rebuttal the scopes of the paper and that these fit with the general objectives of an overview paper for a large atmospheric aerosol study, i.e., presenting the specific scientific goals of the experiment, discussing the meteorological conditions and reporting original data of basic metrics of atmospheric composition. I therefore believe McFiggans' conclusions about the CARES overview also fully apply to the present manuscript: "for the purposes of the timely publication of a project overview, I do not feel that the lack of completely mature novel scientific findings invalidates the worth of the paper. Indeed, the lack of an early overview would add significant burden to the other papers in the special issue." I recommend the manuscript taken forward publication on ACP once the authors have produced a new version reformulated according to the criteria they have expressed in their rebuttal and with a special care to improving the quality of presentation.

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