

***Interactive comment on “Similarities and differences of aerosol optical properties between southern and northern slopes of the Himalayas” by C. Xu et al.***

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The paper is a welcome addition to the literature on aerosol measurements in the remote areas especially on the Tibetan Plateau. There was an improper use of the AERONET data for the prior version of the manuscript. Thanks to Prof. G. P. Gobbi, the work of the PIs of the AERONET sites has been appropriately credited, either by co-authorship or by acknowledgement, in the revised versions of the manuscript.

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and the referee, I have posted the referee's comments and the authors' responses on Supplement to make the review stages more transparent.

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