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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 AERONET data download conditions (reported in the supplement file) have been accepted by the data user before downloading the EvK2-CNR sunphotometer data. This paper falls in the case "Publishing AERONET data from a 'few' sites".

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sites". Before publication in ACP, I would ask the authors to honor these guidelines. Gian Paolo Gobbi (EvK2-CNR instrument PI).

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