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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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