

**Author's response to the Editor Initial Decision: Reconsider after minor revisions (Editor review)
(26 May 2014) by Dr Evangelos Gerasopoulos**

Manuscript No: acp-2014-30 "African dust outbreaks over the western Mediterranean basin: 11-year characterization of atmospheric circulation patterns and dust source areas" by P. Salvador, S. Alonso-Pérez, J. Pey, B. Artíñano, J.J. de Bustos, A. Alastuey and X. Querol.

Dear Dr Gerasopoulos,

First of all we wished to thank your work concerning the edition of our manuscript acp-2014-30 and your valuable advices.

In relation with your comments, we have rewritten the abstract following your guidelines.

The length has been shortened from 444 to 266 words. We have focused on the methodology and period of application, a brief description of the 4 circulation types and the associated source areas of dust and the major finding of the work. Besides, the last paragraph has been removed.

With best regards.

Pedro Salvador on behalf of the authors of Manuscript No: acp-2014-30