

***Interactive comment on “A next generation sequencing of Arctic bacteria in snow and frost flowers: identification, abundance and freezing nucleation” by R. Mortazavi et al.***

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I think there is some confusion here that can be cleared up with an improved introduction. Referee #2 refers to a phyllosphere association for the frost flower microbial community, which seems a reference to the botanical frost flower and not the saline ice formation. The authors should take the time to clearly describe the environments they have selected for investigation and their reasons for selecting them.

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