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Interactive comment on “Ambient measurements of biological aerosol particles near Killarney, Ireland: a comparison between real-time fluorescence and microscopy techniques” by D. A. Healy et al.

Anonymous Referee #1

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"Ambient measurements of biological aerosol particles near Killarney, Ireland: a comparison between real-time fluorescence and microscopy techniques" is a relatively straight forward instrumentation paper comparing WIBS-4, UV-APS and a Sporewatch particle impactor and a worthy addition to the literature via ACP. I recommend publication with consideration to minor adjustments.

Minor Technical adjustments.

1. The first sentence of the abstract is difficult to read past "...in many environments,

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may thus influence..." and I suggest fragmenting this sentence. 2. Page 3878 line 15, consider using a comma after "Recently". 3. Page 3878 line 17, The acronym IN first appear but is not specified. 4. Please consider adding to the introduction a very brief description illustrating how important the context of the biological aerosol types measured by these instruments are within the bigger biological field, eg I would like to be able to have an indication in the text as to whether these instruments capture the full bio-aerosol picture. 5. Within the text associated with the description of Figure 2 there are comments about how comparable the Spore concs in (a) are with the measurements FL1-3 and UV-APS (b-e). This is difficult to judge and becomes clearer once the text moves to Figure 6. Maybe this could be pointed out in the text.

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