

1 We thank the Reviewer #1 for evaluating our paper, both here, and at the technical level.  
2 The reviewer's comments, and our replies/revisions, are in red and black, respectively.

3 Page 26594

4 line 15: change 'in' to 'on'

5 Author's Change to Manuscript: Second, we use our measurement to derive a temperature-  
6 and aerosol-dependent fit of  $N_{IC}$  based on Eq. (1).

7 line 24: 'heterogeneous ice generation can be distinguished ...' : Please be more specific  
8 in how they can be distinguished

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10 Author's Change to Manuscript: The foundations of our investigation are the cold-season  
11 middle-tropospheric wave cloud studies of Cooper and Vali (1981), Cotton and Field  
12 (2002), Eidhammer et al. (2010) and Field et al. (2012). The prior research demonstrated  
13 that an assessment of wave cloud kinematics can be used to distinguish heterogeneous  
14 nucleation from homogeneous ice nucleation and that crystal production occurs primarily  
15 via the previously-mentioned freezing nucleation pathways. Further, no compelling  
16 evidence for secondary ice production was reported in those prior studies.

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19 Page 26596

20 line 25 ff.: to readers who are not familiar with FSSP, PCASP and 2DC measurements it  
21 might not be clear from the description that evaporation is intended or may be a problem  
22 of the instrument. Please be more explicit here.

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24 Author's Response: We feel that the manuscript makes it clear that evaporation, due to  
25 heating of the sample stream, is an issue for measurements made with the PCASP (haze  
26 particles and cloud droplets), but not for measurements made with the FSSP (cloud  
27 droplets) or with the 2DC (ice crystals). Further, we used the words "evaporate" and  
28 "evaporation" in our description of the PCASP measurement (bottom of p. 26596).

29 Finally, we also stated that the PCASP measurements used to evaluate  $n_{0.5}$  were  
30 acquired outside of cloud (Sections 3.3 and 3.4) where neither our work (Snider and  
31 Petters, 2006), or the work of Strapp et al. (1992), reveals a "problem of the instrument."  
32 To emphasize this point, we modified the sentence on Page 26602, Line 11.

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34 Author's Change to Manuscript: These were averaged outside of cloud during the five-  
35 second time windows used for thermodynamic-property averaging (Sect. 3.1).

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37 Page 26600

38 line 7: 'This is shown, for the example,..': delete 'the'

39 Author's Change to Manuscript: An example of this is shown in Fig. 1d.

40 Page 26602

41 line 6: Please describe more explicit the effect you observe of ice nucleation on cloud  
42 properties which is evident in Figure 1.

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44 Author's Change to Manuscript: The effect of ice development on cloud properties is  
45 evident at the downwind track-streamline intersection in Figs. 1 and 2. Most noticeable  
46 are the enhanced lidar depolarization ratios seen at  $x \geq 15$  km in Fig. 1c and the enhanced  
47 diameter-integrated crystal concentrations seen at  $x \geq 15$  km in Fig. 2d.

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49 Page 26604

50 line 7: A short description of D10's three-step procedure would help the reader to follow  
51 the method described in this manuscript.

52 L5-L6, P26604 was modified to this:

53 Author's Change to Manuscript: ...using the three-step procedure described in D10. We  
54 refer to the latter as method #2 and describe our implementation of that method in  
55 Appendix B (attached below).

56 Page 26605

57 line 4 ff.: Is the fraction of the measured crystal concentrations that plot within a factor of  
58 two of the fit still significantly different if the error of the measured ice crystal  
59 concentrations is taken into account?

60 Author's Response: In the table shown below, we evaluate the effect of the Poisson  
61 sampling error on the fractions. Regardless of how the comparison is made the  
62 conclusion is the same: More points plot within a factor-of-two when using Eq. (1) with  
63 our Method #1 coefficients.

64 **Fraction of  $N_{IC}$  Measurements within a Factor of two of the Fit**

	Eq. (1) with Method #1 Fit Coefficients	Eq. (1) with D10 Fit Coefficients
Manuscript L. 4 / P. 26605	0.69	0.66
Measurements Increased by Poisson Sampling Error	0.74	0.72
Measurements Decreased by Poisson Sampling Error	0.65	0.52

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67 Page 26606

68 line 11 ff.: It should be stressed more that already the original D10 equation fits well to  
69 the measured data. This is of high value because of the very different measurement  
70 methods.

71 Author's Change to Manuscript: The result we present in Tab. 2, with fit coefficients  
72 generally consistent, in a statistical sense, with those reported by D10, is important  
73 because it validates D10's approach using different methodology.

74 Page 26606

75 line 20: insert 'ice' before 'nuclei'

76 Author's Change to Manuscript: We also probed the conjecture that the duration of ice  
77 nuclei exposure to water-saturated conditions is a determinant of IC concentration.

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100 **Appendix B**

101 Here we describe how we fitted our 80 measurements of the set  $\{N_{IC}, n_{0.5}, T_{low}\}$   
102 using the three step procedure developed by D10 (herein method #2). In the first step, the  
103 data were binned into four  $(273.16 - T_{low})$  subsets; the number of samples in the four  
104 subsets is provided in Table 3. In the second step, values of  $\ln(p_i)$  and  $q_i$  were derived  
105 for each subset by regression. Here “ $i$ ” indicates the temperature subset and the form of  
106 the fitted equation is

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$$\ln(N_{IN,i}) = \ln(p_i) + q_i \cdot \ln(n_{0.5,i}) \quad (B1)$$

108 In the third step, the values of  $\ln(p_i)$  were regressed vs.  $\ln(273.16 - T_{low,i})$ , and also, the  
109 values of  $q_i$  were regressed vs.  $T_{low,i}$ . In these regressions the  $T_{low,i}$  is the average of  
110 the subset. The slopes and intercepts of these regressions define the coefficients  $\ln(a)$ ,  $b$ ,  
111  $c$  and  $d$  for method #2.

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$$\ln(a) = \text{intercept}(\ln(p_i) \text{ vs. } \ln(273.16 - T_{low,i})) \quad (B2)$$

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$$b = \text{slope}(\ln(p_i) \text{ vs. } \ln(273.16 - T_{low,i})) \quad (B3)$$

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$$c = \text{slope}(q_i \text{ vs. } (273.16 - T_{low,i})) \quad (B4)$$

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$$d = \text{intercept}(q_i \text{ vs. } (273.16 - T_{low,i})) \quad (B5)$$