

Interactive comment on “Evaluating the effects of China’s pollution control on inter-annual trends and uncertainties of atmospheric mercury emissions” by Y. Zhao et al.

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We thank very much for the valuable comments from reviewer 1, which help us improve the quality of our manuscript. Following is our responses to the comments and corresponding revisions.

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Reviewer #1

1. Although this is a very good and important paper by Zhao et al: it addresses the important issue of better constraining the uncertainties surrounding anthropogenic mercury emissions from China, the English grammar and spelling are unfortunately of poor quality. The reviewer was, therefore, unable to read the manuscript comprehensively and critically. For example, in the Abstract and Introduction alone at least 50 grammar and spelling errors were identified that require attention: too many to list, and too many to allow for unobstructed reading and reviewing of the manuscript.

Hence, before the reviewer is able to fully and critically review the scientific content of this important paper it is urgently requested that the manuscript is first grammatically improved by an English tech-writer, after which it should be reconsidered given the importance and critical topic of the paper.

Response and revisions:

We thank the reviewer's comment and positive remark on the importance of the paper. We also fully acknowledge the language problems in the original draft. The manuscript has been carefully edited, and the language has been improved by a native English speaker. We have tried our best to remove grammar errors and to make the text clear.

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