

Interactive comment on “Characterization of African dust over southern Italy” by A. Blanco, et al.

Anonymous Referee #2

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this paper deals with chracterization of water insoluble dust particles collected during rain events in Southern Italia during spring 2002. The paper is very well written, very clear and tables and illustrations are clear and necessary. The conclusions are consistent with the results, the authors never trying to go too far. It is clearly a good scientific paper, well supported by the results. It contains significant original results as those concerning the roundness factor or the way by which the BES dotted images are interpreted. The paper should be published.

Minor comments:

all the figures concerning the size distribution or the roundness factor should be normalized to the total number of particles to make easier the comparisons. In order to have an idea of the total number of analyzed particles, this could be added in the

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