

Interactive comment on “The effects of aerosols on precipitation and dimensions of subtropical clouds; a sensitivity study using a numerical cloud model” by A. Teller and Z. Levin

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In their last reply, Teller and Levin assert that the paper of Ayers (2005) is a reviewed one. They provide a reference to Ayers (2005) in "Clean Air and Environmental Quality, 39 (2), 51-57, 2005." This manuscript was identical to the conference paper, so I checked with Prof Howard A. Bridgman who is the Editor of the journal whether it is a refereed paper. The response of the Editor was: "The paper by Greg Ayers was a major keynote address at our recent Clean Air Society Conference in Hobart. It is standard practice to reproduce in the journal the keynote manuscripts associated with

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our conferences."

The Editor's statement admits that the paper was in fact REPRODUCED, and hence it is not a reviewed paper. In my previous comment I provided the reason why citing a non-reviewed paper must not be allowed by ACP Editor in this case. The essence of the reason is not allowing non-reviewed conference talks, even when presented as keynotes, to undermine and confuse much better established published findings in the most rigorously reviewed journals. The way to question previous findings is by publishing REVIEWED papers, and not by unchecked statements in conferences.

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