I have the following two remarks on the content:

- Line Remark
- 292 POC and secondary organic carbon (SOC) were estimated using the EC tracer method (Lim and Turpin, 2002; Turpin and Huntzicker, 1995). : This statement might deserve a comment that comparison with AMS results has shown that this method generally overestimated the POC, and thus underestimates SOC. Also, one could mention "POC was calculated to be 2xEC (this is what I read from Fig. 2).
- Figures 2a and 2b show that there are strong correlations between HULIS and POC, and HULIS and EC: This deserves a statement that it is not surprising that HULIS correlates with POC if it does so with EC, as POC is calculated from EC.

In addition, the manuscript requires technical corrections. Please improve the wording in the following instances (incomplete list):

Line Text

- 20 Average concentration of ambient HULIS was 7.5 µg/m3 in atmospheric PM2.5
- 24 shows residential biofuel and coal burning, secondary formation are important annual sources
- 137 to perform on-road emission test
- 140 draw a constant ratio of sample flow from exhaust
- 152 is provided in Text S1 of Supplement
- 180 PPM2.5, i is the calculated source contributions
- 195 Table S4 of Supplement
- 198 General of ambient aerosol characteristics
- 209 it is higher measurements in the urban areas
- 216 were similar with those
- 219 summarized in Table S1 of Supplement.
- 220 had a significant positive correlation with the annual r2=0.90
- lower than the $\sim 10\%$ in the PRD region
- 224 Strong correlations of HULISC with OC were observed with the annual r2=0.87 (and further instances of the same type: at least add a comma, otherwise it is confusing)
- 236 listed in Table S1 of Supplement (and further instances)
- 251 Combustion condition have much influence
- 253 For advanced stove used in
- thus HULIS produce less; and further instances
- 254 While for stove used in Chinese rural household
- and thus also have effect on the results
- 257 Dryness content of fuels was found to be
- 269 (MEP of China, 2014),
- 272 Due to lack of fhulis,i
- 279 While industry sector and power plants contribute about 3% and close to zero, respectively.
- 283 Cooking contribute about twenty percent
- thus cooking are not considered
- biomass burning, industry, and vehicles contributes the rest.
- 301 K+ generally originate from biomass burning with lesser contributions from coal burning and dust
- 319 about 200 Km
- 321 While weaker correlations were observed in summer and autumn with r2=0.40 and r2=0.43, respectively.
- 326 ($R^2=0.89$): otherwise always used r^2 .
- 328 Significant correlation between were also found
- 341 were much higher than predicted primary HULISc concentrations
- 353 This difference is likely with the result of greater biofuel burning during the heating seasons in the Beijing area
- 355 A large contribution from residential sector

- 366 Contributions from secondary processes also show obvious seasonal variations trend.
- 377 Figure 4 shows scatter plot
- 379 The variation of correlation coefficient
- 392 Appel et al.: replace by final version
- 603 represented by different shaped points
- 612 Concentrations of each seasons
- 617 percentages of several species to some others: e.g. WSOC is not a species
- 621 Table 2: improve stove
- mixed of gasoline and diesel vehicles
- 631 average contribution over than 1%

In addition:

Symbols should be italic.

References need harmonization in style.; e.g., paper titles should not be capital

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This needs editing as well.