**Editor decision: Publish subject to technical corrections** 

**Comments to the author:** 

Dear Dr. Pasquier,

I'm sorry, just one last technical correction. The English is cumbersome in the last sentence of the abstract, a sentence that I think is important and deserves to be written in the active voice. Also, INP isn't defined. My suggestion.

Although ice nucleating aerosol particles may be necessary for the initial freezing of water droplets, the ice crystal number concentration is frequently determined by secondary production mechanisms.

Regards,

**Tim Garrett** 

Answer to the Editor Timothy Garrett

Dear Dr. Garrett,

We would like to thank you for this helpful comment. We agree with his comment and changed the last sentence of the abstract on lines 19-20 of the revised manuscript to: "Although ice nucleating aerosol particles may be necessary for the initial freezing of water droplets, the ice crystal number concentration is frequently determined by secondary production mechanisms."

Kind regards

Julie Pasquier

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