There are some minor issues needed to be resolved before accepting for the final publication. A list is given below:

- 1. It is strongly suggested that the authors carefully doublecheck the manuscript before submitting the next revision.
- 2. Abstract: L29, November 14; L32-33, it is not necessary to say "in non-hygroscopic or hygroscopic mode", I suggest to remove this expression; L36, literature (lower case); L38, concentration (singular).
- 3. L167, referring to.
- 4. L190, a mean of.
- 5. L274 and throughout the whole manuscript, the numbers after "equation" are suggested to be consistent, either in the parentheses or just the numbers.
- 6. L284, with secondary particles; L286, measurement data; L294, "And" should be deleted.
- 7. L299, Fig. 2., check throughout the paper. There should be a space between the Fig. and the figure number.
- 8. L306, corresponds to.
- 9. L324, for which, otherwise the conjunction which does not have a role in the clause.
- 10. L332, kSOA values.
- 11. L337 and throughout the manuscript, literature. Use singular instead of plural form.
- 12. L348, with those by AE33, data is in plural form.
- 13. L353-354, what is "electronic devices recording signals"?
- 14. L355, were retrieved if applying...
- 15. L356, given the measurement bias, no "that" in between.
- 16. L359, 3.1 subsection title is suggested to change to "A comparison and validation of of retrieved mixing state and density of BC"
- 17. L362, present not presented.
- 18. L367, that should be deleted, and this is not a clause.
- 19. L378, Chen et al. (2020).
- 20. L380, the "," between "using a tandem." SP2" should be deleted.
- 21. L383, what is "those" being represented? it seems to referring to the mass fraction.
- 22. L385, coating processes.
- 23. L388, what is its referring to? BC density or BC, from the sentence, it seems BC density. Suggested to be modified.
- 24. L390, due to that? What is "that" for? Please delete.
- 25. L393, lift? rising seems better.
- 26. L394, with secondary inorganic aerosol.
- 27. L400, the continuous or the continuing.
- 28. L404-405, The campaign average values of the bulk and internally mixed BC densities are \cdots .
- 29. L407, are not void-free spheres.
- 30. L408, with those observed at other sites....
- 31. L410, within the range of density from field measurements.
- 32. L415-416, there is a "," after e.g.
- 33. L419, as was summarized and \cdots
- 34. L422, a peak value at ..., because it is not the peak value.

- 35. L433, in large biases.
- 36. L436, same issue as #23.
- 37. L448, represents the range of BC density in the atmosphere. The lower and upper limits are just two values.
- 38. L451, delete "And" .
- 39. L461, much worse than the use of \cdots
- 40. L462, at night or during nighttime.
- 41. L465, particles are; delete "And now".
- 42. L466, delete "," .
- 43. L468, delete "those".
- 44. L473, as the fraction of organics is.
- 45. L480, the reference from Ren et al. (2018).
- 46. Subsection title is suggested to change to "N_{CCN} prediction based on the real-time variations of BC density and mixing state.
- 47. Figure 7. Predicted CCN number...
- 48. L494, what are those periods?
- 49. L498-499, A better closure at S=0.23% is because the bulk k of particles is closer to that at the critical diameter of 100-150 nm.
- 50. L504, what is CCN closure? Do you mean CCN number concentrations? Same in L531.
- 51. L521, range or ranges.
- 52. L526, The uncertainties of the NCCN prediction are -28 % ~11 %...
- 53. L529, the variations of BC density.
- 54. L530, a great significance of accounting for...
- 55. L541, in future studies.
- 56. L542, provide more comprehensive understanding of the variations of BC density. Why do you use variability?
- 57. Assessing not accessing.