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## Reply on AC1

Anonymous Referee #1

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Referee comment on "Air pollutants in Xinjiang during the COVID-19 pandemic and glaciochemical records of a Tien-Shan glacier" by Feiteng Wang et al., The Cryosphere Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/tc-2021-133-RC3>, 2021

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This is a brief reply to the authors' comment posted. TC and other EGU journals have a discussion phase (Phase 1, opened), and followed by final response & reviews (Phase 2, not opened). However, if there is significant revisions are expected in Phase 1, the reviews for the revised manuscript should not be closed. Otherwise, there is a concern that might hurt the original concept of the "Interactive review process" for this journal.