

Thank you for revising the manuscript following the second review by Reviewer 1.

I also note the following:

1. Pg4,Introduction,line9/10Reviewer 2 requested that you be specific that the radiative forcing that you refer to is the result of changes in aerosols resulting from changes in anthropogenic emissions since pre-industrial times.

I don't think you have fully addressed this reviewer's comment in the revised manuscript. In particular, you don't mention changing emissions and you refer to the global "median" radiative forcing as opposed to the "global mean radiative forcing". Can you please change it to the following: "The global mean radiative forcing associated due to aerosols, as a result of changes in anthropogenic emissions since pre-industrial times, is highly uncertain and is estimated to be -0.9 W/m<sup>2</sup>, with an uncertainty range of -1.9 W/m<sup>2</sup> to -0.1 W/m<sup>2</sup> (Boucher et al., 2013)." >> ***We agree with Editor's comment and we have rephrased the sentence as suggested.***