

**Comments to the author:**

Dear Christin Hilbich and Coauthors,

I am pleased to accept your manuscript for publication in The Cryosphere. Please make the (very) minor technical corrections prior to final submission. I will not need to review your contribution again.

Congratulations and best wishes,

Huw Horgan

Minor technical corrections:

L9. 'induced controversial debate' to 'induced controversy and debate'. Otherwise 'controversial' applies to the 'debate', meaning the way the debate was carried out was controversial. I think you mean there was controversy and debate.

L105 'method' to 'methods'

L118 'Overview over' to 'Overview of' or 'Summary of'

L396 'The striking pattern... is apparent' to 'A striking pattern is apparent, with...'

**Reply:**

*Dear Editor. We thank you for reading the manuscript carefully again and for correcting the text. We agree with all your suggestions and changed the text/wording accordingly.*

*Thanks a lot for your support and for accepting our manuscript for publication in TC!*

*Best regards,*

*Christin Hilbich and Co-authors*