

Journal of Geophysical Research Letters

Subject: Manuscript Submission - "Physical-chemical properties of non-soluble particles in a hailstone collected in Argentina."

Dear Editor,

I am writing to submit our stand-alone manuscript, titled "Physical-chemical properties of non-soluble particles in a hailstone collected in Argentina," for consideration for publication in the Journal of Geophysical Research Letters.

As part of the submission process, we would like to bring to your attention a companion paper that has been submitted to the Journal of Atmospheric Measurements Techniques and is currently under review. The companion paper, titled "Revolutionizing Hailstone Analysis: Exploring Non-Soluble Particles through Innovative Confocal Laser and Scanning Electron Microscopy Techniques," submitted on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, details the methodology employed in the analysis of hailstone samples, including the techniques used for studying non-soluble particles. While the current submission is a stand-alone paper, it references the methods outlined in the companion paper, which are currently under review.

In accordance with the journal's policy on reference availability, we are submitting a PDF copy of the companion paper with this cover letter. We understand that the Editorial Board may allow citation of submitted/under review works only in exceptional circumstances, and we believe our case meets the criteria outlined in your guidelines. We would appreciate your consideration of this request, as the cross-citations between the two manuscripts will significantly enhance the scientific value of both contributions.

If an exception is granted, we will make every effort to ensure that the companion paper, "Revolutionizing Hailstone Analysis: Exploring Non-Soluble Particles through Innovative Confocal Laser and Scanning Electron Microscopy Techniques" is accepted and published in the Journal of Atmospheric Measurements Techniques by the time of acceptance of the stand-alone manuscript submitted to the Journal of Geophysical Research Letters.

Thank you for considering our submission. We look forward to the possibility of contributing to the Journal of Geophysical Research Letters and appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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