Reviewer’s report

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Authors still confused in describing PM monitoring (page 6). All of the monitors are ACTIVE samplers in that particles are sampled by actively drawing air into sampler. Reviewing the online brochure for the Ecotech MicroVol confirms this is NOT a PASSIVE aerosol sampler.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests’