

Dear Lander, dear Philippe,

Thank you for responding to the reviewers' comments and submitting a revised manuscript. I think the quality of the article has further improved through this revision. I am pleased to recommend the current version of your manuscript for publication in *The Cryosphere*.

Congratulations on this great article!

Yours sincerely

Tobias

*Dear editor,*

*We greatly appreciate your positive recommendation of our manuscript. We provided the latest version of the manuscript.*

*Kind regards*

*Lander Van Tricht and Philippe Huybrechts.*