

We would like to thank the anonymous reviewer for the comments that significantly improved the clarity and readability of the manuscript. Our point-by-point responses are found below in blue ink. The revised content is highlighted in yellow.

Editor: I agree with referee #1's further comments that the abstract can be enhanced. Please consider adding some quantitative statements (with specific values) to make your conclusions in the abstract clearer.

Referee #1: This work is of value for effective PM_{2.5} control in Taiwan. I suggest the authors revise the abstract to make the conclusions clearer and sharper. For example, could the authors spell out what "changes in HNO₃ and NH₃ partitioning" in lines 15-16?

A: Thanks for the reviewer and editor's comments. The abstract has been revised to include some quantitative statements and to clarify "changes in HNO₃ and NH₃ partitioning" as follows:

"Taiwan experiences higher air pollution in winter when fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) levels frequently surpass national standards. ... In contrast, nitrate and ammonium are predominantly influenced by local NO_x and NH₃ emissions. Reducing SO₂ emissions decreases sulfate levels, which in turn leads to more NH₃ remaining in the gas phase, resulting in lower ammonium concentrations. Similarly, reducing NO_x emissions lowers HNO₃ formation, impacting nitrate and ammonium concentrations by decreasing the available HNO₃ and leaving more NH₃ in the gas phase. A significant finding is that reducing NH₃ emissions decreases not only ammonium and nitrate but also sulfate by altering cloud droplet pH and SO₂ oxidation processes. While the impact of SO₂ reduction on PM_{2.5} is less than that of NO_x and NH₃, it emphasizes the complexity of regional sensitivities. Most of western Taiwan is NO_x-sensitive, so reducing NO_x emissions has a more substantial impact on lowering PM_{2.5} levels. However, given the higher mass emissions of NO_x than NH₃ in Taiwan, NH₃ has a more significant consequence in mitigating PM_{2.5} per unit mass emission reduction (i.e., 2.43×10^{-5} , and $0.85 \times 10^{-5} \mu\text{g m}^{-3} \text{ton}^{-1} \text{yr}$ for NH₃, and NO_x, respectively, under current emission reduction). The cost-effectiveness analysis suggests that NH₃ reduction outperforms SO₂ and NO_x reduction (i.e., 0.06, 0.1, and 1 billion USD yr⁻¹ μg⁻¹m³ for NH₃, SO₂, and NO_x, respectively, under current emission reduction). Nevertheless, the costs of emission reduction vary due to differences in methodology and regional emission sources. Overall, this study considers both efficiency and costs, highlighting NH₃ emissions reduction as a promising strategy for PM_{2.5} mitigation in the studied Taiwan's environment.