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Dear Editor T. J. Fudge,

With this cover letter, we are submitting the revised manuscript entitled, **“Imprints of Sea Ice, Wind Patterns, and Atmospheric Systems on Summer Water Isotope Signatures at Hercules Névé, East Antarctica”**, for publication in *The Cryosphere*.

Based on the comments from the editor, we have minor changes of the manuscript, which are detailed below. We thank the editor for these detailed line-level observations. Each issue has been carefully corrected in the revised manuscript as follows:

- ☐ L93 – The plural verb form was replaced with the singular verb addresses to match the singular subject.
- ☐ L132–L135 – The duplicated phrase describing transport to KOPRI was deleted to eliminate redundancy.
- ☐ L154 – The repeated description of the Picarro L2130-i instrument was removed.
- ☐ L298 – The plural verb was corrected to the singular is for grammatical agreement.
- ☐ L308 – A space was inserted before the opening parenthesis to conform with journal formatting standards.
- ☐ L381–L383 – The sentence was restructured to include a clear main verb and to improve readability; the revised version now reads smoothly and conveys the intended meaning.
- ☐ L484 – The transition between paragraphs was adjusted in accordance with the editor’s suggestion; the related sentences were joined to maintain logical continuity rather than starting an unnecessary new paragraph.

These small but important corrections improve grammatical accuracy, eliminate redundancy, and strengthen the overall clarity and flow of the manuscript.

Thank you very much for your time, effort, and patience in handling our manuscript. We look forward to your favorable consideration and to the opportunity for publication in *The Cryosphere*.

Sincerely,
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