

# ***Interactive comment on “Variability of the Asian summer monsoon during the penultimate glacial/interglacial period inferred from stalagmite oxygen isotope records from Yangkou cave, Chongqing, Southwestern China” by T. -Y. Li et al.***

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Dear authors,

First and foremost my apologies regarding the long delay of the review process. We had a large (double-digit) number of declined review invitations, possibly because of the timing of your submission right before the Christmas. When revising your manuscript, please address all the referees' comments in full and send a point-by-point response to their comments. I agree with both referees suggesting to remove the rather specula-

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tive discussion of the stalagmite  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  forcing by tropical Pacific SST gradient, unless you find more convincing evidence for this hypothesis. Please also consider that your revised manuscript could be sent to the same referees for further advice, particularly in light of the referee #2 suggestions of expanding certain parts of the discussion on the expense of the others. Hope you find these comments helpful.

Sincerely, Mahyar Mohtadi

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