

## ***Interactive comment on “Volatile organic compounds over Eastern Himalaya, India: temporal variation and source characterization using Positive Matrix Factorization” by C. Sarkar et al.***

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This work highlights the need for a systematic regional program on VOC quantification. Through this short comment, we would only like to draw attention to two recent works reporting in-situ VOC measurements (in particular for mono-aromatic VOCs such as benzene, toluene and xylenes). Discussing these works in the light of new/future VOC data would improve the community's understanding regarding the distribution and spatial heterogeneity of VOCs within the region.

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