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Interactive comment on "Impacts of anthropogenic and natural sources on free tropospheric ozone over the Middle East" *by* Z. Jiang et al.

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Jiang et al made a nice and interesting paper. However, I feel that it would make the paper stronger, if the authors included some of the recent papers on the topic (see below) and put into perspective with regard to their findings.

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