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Interactive comment on "Mesoscale temperature fluctuations in the stratosphere" *by* B. L. Gary

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The Interactive Comment EC S2541 by Editor B. Kaercher asked a pertinent question about latitude coverage and possible differences in my model fitting for Northern versus Southern Hemisphere latitudes, and the possibility of solving for a longitude dependence. When I checked my data base (which I last worked with as I retired 8 years ago), I was surprised to notice that all data were for the Northern Hemisphere. Much data exists for the Southern Hemisphere but it was not processed in a way that could be used for this analysis.

I will insert the following sentence on pg 7374, first line: "The present analysis is restricted to the Northern Hemisphere."

In order to perform a meaningful search for differences between the hemispheres it would be necessary to double the amount of data in the analysis, in my opinion. To also search for a longitude dependence would possibly require an additional doubling of data. The quadrupling of MTP data analysis for this purpose is unlikely to happen for two reasons: 1) I am retired, and 2) NASA funding for atmospheric studies appears to be diminishing.

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