

Interactive comment on “A fate for organic acids, formaldehyde and methanol in cloud water: their biotransformation by micro-organisms” by P. Amato et al.

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The lab studies performed in collected cloud water involved incubations over many hours to days. Lifetimes of cloud drops in the atmosphere are of the order minutes to an hour or so and cloud temperatures are usually much colder than the incubation conditions used here. These important discrepancies between lab conditions and the real world should be more fully discussed and explored in the manuscript.

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