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On a technical note, we have looked at the impact of the re-evaluated Cl2O2 cross-section uncertainty factor that Dr. Golden mentions in his comment, and we find that for typical polar stratospheric spring conditions (56 mbar, 80° SZA, 130 DU O3), a factor of 0.64/2.09 uncertainty is produced in the photolysis rate, which is close to the

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factor of 1.5 used in the paper.

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