

Interactive comment on “Sensitivities of modelled water vapour in the lower stratosphere: temperature uncertainty, effects of horizontal transport and small-scale mixing” by Liubov Poshyvailo et al.

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The authors discuss transport and feedback processes that modulate stratospheric water vapour changes and the related uncertainties. Could the authors discuss the potential importance of ozone in this context both for the seasonal cycle and climate change projections, see for example:

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Could the authors extend their discussion to include the implications of their transport and small-scale mixing work for trace gases more generally, in particular for the distribution of ozone in the TTL, which will feedback onto stratospheric water vapour?

This would be a valuable addition to the manuscript and broaden the potential impact across this interdisciplinary field of research.

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