

Comments on revision of “Forecasting Carbon Monoxide on a Global Scale for the ATom-1 Aircraft Mission: Insights from Airborne and Satellite Observations and Modeling” by Strode et al.

The authors have sufficiently addressed my comments. However, I would like the authors to consider again the relation between the recent negative trend in CO columns and the lower than average CO values in 2016. It is good to discuss the recent CO trend. But, technically, you cannot make the link, even with a “maybe”, between the trend and the value in an individual year. Moreover, in Worden et al. (2013) the trend was calculated over 2000-2012. I suggest the authors to remove the statement “This negative trend may be contributing to the low values in 2016, ...” for clarity.