## Supplement

| effective cloud fractions $(\mathrm{eCF}) \mathrm{x}$ | Number of days and date |
| :---: | :---: |
| $0<x \leq 0.1$ | Number of days: 29 <br> (October 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 23; <br> November 2, 3, 12, 13, 14; <br> December 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 24, 25, 29, 30) |
| $0.1<\mathrm{x} \leq 0.3$ | Number of days: 10 (October 6, 17, 21, 22, 27; <br> November 22, 27; <br> December 1, 20, 31) |
| $0.3<x \leq 0.7$ | Number of days: 23 <br> (October 2, 7, 14, 18, 28; <br> November 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 18, 23, 25, 30; <br> December 2, 6, 12, 17, 19, 22, 23, 28) |
| $0.7<x \leq 1$ | Number of days: 30 <br> (October 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31; <br> November 6, 7, 11, 15, 16, 17 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 29; <br> December $8,13,18,26,27$ ) |

Table S1: Number of days and dates corresponding to different effective cloud fractions from October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.


Figure S1: Correlation between HCHO VCDs retrieved from the MAX-DOAS measurements and those obtained from the CAMS
model data for $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 1$ (a), $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 0.1$ (b), $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 0.3$ (c), and $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 0.7$ (d) at 8:00 LT from October to December 2014.


Figure S2: Correlation between HCHO VCDs retrieved from the MAX-DOAS measurements and those obtained from the CAMS
model for $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 1$ (a), $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 0.1$ (b), $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 0.3$ (c), and $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 0.7$ (d) at 14:00 LT from October to December 2014.


Figure S3: Correlation between HCHO VCDs retrieved from the MAX-DOAS measurements and those obtained from the CAMS model data for $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 1$ (a), $0<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 0.3(\mathrm{~b}), 0.3<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 0.7$ (c), and $0.7<\mathrm{eCF} \leq 1.0$ (d) at 8:00 LT from October to December 2014.


Figure S4: Correlation between HCHO VCDs retrieved from the MAX-DOAS measurements and those obtained from the CAMS

