

## ***Interactive comment on “Dynamically controlled ozone decline in the tropical mid-stratosphere observed by SCIAMACHY” by Evgenia Galytska et al.***

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I do not have much to add to the reviewers comments, except the following:

Their discussion on lines 7-11 on page 5 reads as if they are contradicting themselves. Thus line 7 says “decrease in N<sub>2</sub>O” while lines 8-10 discuss an increase in upwelling leading to “lower N<sub>2</sub>O oxidation” which necessarily would produce an increase in N<sub>2</sub>O. It is true that the specific model perturbation we introduced (Nedoluha et al., 2015b) had an increase in upwelling; however, the model-to-model comparison we made was to show that upwelling strength varies directly as N<sub>2</sub>O and inversely as NO<sub>y</sub>. And the objective was to explain the lower ozone, which would result from weaker

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upwelling. I would therefore like to suggest a wording change to be clearer:

Using a 2D chemical-dynamical model, they showed that changes to the tropical upwelling could lead to changes in the N<sub>2</sub>O oxidation via (R8a) and thus affect the NO<sub>y</sub> production. Based on this, Nedoluha et al. (2015b) concluded that weaker tropical upwelling could therefore explain the decrease of O<sub>3</sub> in the tropical mid-stratosphere.

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