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Authors' responses to referee's report #1 following the initial round of revisions to our manuscript.

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In accordance with RC1's suggestions, we have:

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- 1. Moved the illustrative example of the Damköhler number to the main results/discussion section (section 3.2). This avoids introducing new material in the conclusions.
- 2. Improved the discussion of the effects of canopy density on the residence time of air (lines 83–93).

We also made a small number of stylistic changes (correcting 'compared to' to 'compared with' and using hyphens where compound nouns serve as adjectives).