

I appreciate the efforts made by the authors to reply my comments and include some of my suggestions in the main text. I consider the manuscript has improved and recommend publishing it subject to minor technical corrections:

Line 32: “Levy et al. (2005) has” → “Levy et al. (2005) have”

Line 74: productions → production; removals → removal

Line 108: investigated → investigate

Line 184: “of which the period is smaller than about 50 days” → “with period shorter than about 50 days”

Line 230: Change “the total variance of [O<sub>3</sub>] at this site as its small ranges in Fig. 2d” to “the total variance of [O<sub>3</sub>] at this site as can be seen from its small ranges in Fig. 2d”.

Line 232: “occupy only small fraction” → “are only a small fraction”?

Line 249: observation → observations

Lines 286 & 290: Change “metropolitans” to “metropolitan cities” or “metropolitan areas”

Line 393: “the less titration” → “the lower titration”

Line 407: “In both two scatter plots” → In both scatter plots

Lines 450 – 451: I would moderate the statement “This indicates considerable future increases in exceedances of the O<sub>3</sub> air quality standard over South Korea except over coastal regions”.

One could change it to something like “This suggests considerable future increases in exceedances of the O<sub>3</sub> air quality standard over South Korea, except over coastal regions, in the absence of emission abatement measures”.

Line 467: “weather systems in there” → “weather systems there”

Line 468: “is appeared” → “appears”

Line 473: The high O<sub>3</sub> might come from the mid-troposphere. So I would change “upper troposphere” to “upper levels” or “free troposphere”.

Line 475: fogs → fog

Line 481: “on the O<sub>3</sub> therein” → “on O<sub>3</sub> there”

Line 482: “are appeared” → “appear”

Line 484: “at two cities” → “at the two cities”

Line 511: “are occurred” → “occur”

Lines 359 – 362: This is not a correction, just a suggestion.

The authors wrote “As a result of the multiple linear regression, coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) between baselines of O<sub>3</sub> 8h and each meteorological variable, as well as adjusted  $R^2$  for the multiple linear regression models, were calculated for 72 air quality 362 monitoring sites distributed in 25 cities nationwide and summarized in Table 2”.

I recommended including the value of  $R^2$  for the multiple linear regression model of O<sub>3</sub> on six meteorological variables (Tmax, SI, TD, PS, WS and RH) at the different cities. The authors have not attempted to select the best explanatory variables, which I understand is out of the scope of this manuscript. They might be over-fitting the model and  $R^2$  will always increase when a new term is added. Because of that the authors have correctly opted to show the values of adjusted  $R^2$ .

It would be good to add a short sentence to indicate that they are not attempting to select the best predictors and that adjusted  $R^2$  is an appropriate statistic, since it adjusts for the number of terms included in the model and it does not increase due to those terms which would improve  $R^2$  by chance.