

Interactive comment on “Impact of Gravity wave drag on the thermospheric circulation: Implementation of a nonlinear gravity wave parameterization in a whole atmosphere model” by Yasunobu Miyoshi and Erdal Yiğit

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Thank you for your constructive and helpful comments. According to your comments, we have revised manuscript.

»Zonal means: The authors present only results for the zonal mean zonal wind. I would have liked to see temperature and meridional wind results as well. These are directly influenced by gravity waves, and play a crucial role e.g. for transports around the MLT.

We added effects of the GW drag on the zonal mean meridional wind and temperature

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in section 3.1.

»Tides: the authors show semidiurnal tidal signatures. Are there any useful results for other tides, like diurnal or terdiurnal tide?

We added effects of the GW drag on the terdiurnal tide in section 3.3.

Minor issues >Title: Gravity > gravity Done >Abstract, L 17: dynamical ! dynamical factor Done >Page 1, L 25: insert “the” before behavior Done >Section 1.2, 1st paragraph: Forbes et al analyzed the SW2 in the exosphere, please describe that more clearly. “in the upper thermosphere” was replaced by “in the exobase (400-500 km)”.

>Page 3, model description: the gravity wave propagation strongly depends on the phase speed spectrum. Are there observational constraints for the selected spectrum?

The following sentence was added in the third paragraph of section 2. The GW spectrum adopted in this study and its relation to the observation have been discussed in detail in the work by Yiğit et al. (2008) and Yiğit et al. (2009).

>Page 6, l 15/16: within the one-hour period. This indicates a change in time, better: at different longitudes “one-hour” is typo. “one-hour” was replaced by “one-day”.

>L18: shows A height-longitude Done >L24 THE Yiğit Done >L24 mechanism > mechanisms Done >Page 7, L2: the diurnal variation is also significant at midlatitudes “significant” was replaced by “the largest”.

>L14/15: also in the mesosphere. Please describe in more detail “The differences of the GW drag in the mesosphere were discussed in section 3.4.”

>Page 8, L8/9 Recent studies: : : please provide a reference Papers by (Miyoshi and Fujiwara (2003, 2008) and Akmaev et al. (2008) are added.

>Page 9, l 26: have > has Done

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>Page 10, reference Gavrilov et al.: nonlineareffects > nonlinear effects Done

>Caption Fig. 5: : : :except for THE zonal: : Done

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<https://www.ann-geophys-discuss.net/angeo-2019-36/angeo-2019-36-AC2-supplement.pdf>

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