

Interactive comment on “Investigation of sources of gravity waves observed in the Brazilian Equatorial region on 08 April 2005” by Oluwakemi Dare-Idowu et al.

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This paper presents several gravity waves observed in OH airglow emission measurements by an all-sky imager in Cariri, Brazil (7°S, 36°W). The wave characteristics, in terms of wavelength, period, horizontal velocity and propagation direction are determined. The source region of these waves is determined by utilising a tracing method as well supplementary data from radar, satellites and model. This results presented here are interesting, however gravity waves of similar characteristics have been observed in the same location, using the same instruments e.g. Medeiros, et al. 2005; Wrassse, et al. 2006; Medeiros, et al. 2007; Taylor, et al. 2009. However, this study goes into greater detail in investigating the generation source.

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