

- line 29/30 (track-changes version): would be good to add Scinocca & Haynes (1998), who I think were the first to suggest this possibility (Scinocca, J. F. and Haynes, P. H.: Dynamical Forcing of Stratospheric Planetary Waves by Tropospheric Baroclinic Eddies, J. Atmos. Sci., 55, 2361–2392, 1998.)

We have added the requested reference

- following up on one of the comments by reviewer 2 about the way the model correlation or regression coefficients are computed: I think it would help to clarify this procedure early in the manuscript, perhaps in the methods section (i.e., mention that you compute relevant statistic for each ensemble member first, then average over members - unless I missed something, the order of computation certainly doesn't matter for the variance or covariance, but it does for the regression and correlation coefficients)

We have added such a sentence near line 135

- new Fig. 1 is very helpful and I like the way you've neatly summarized the relevant information; for the lighter colors I find it hard to read the white text embedded within them - perhaps use black font for those (and clarify in caption that font color has no additional meaning)?

Changed as suggested