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We therefore ask you to change the title of your article and remove the explicit reference to TOAR from the title.

This comment, of course, has no bearing whatsoever concerning the scientific quality or potential impact of your manuscript.

We kindly ask for your understanding.

Martin Schultz and Helen Worden on behalf of the TOAR-II Steering Committee

We would like to thank the TOAR Steering Committee for his guidance. As requested, we have removed explicit reference to TOAR from the title. The updated title of our manuscript is:

“Assessment of 16-year tropospheric ozone trends from the IASI Climate Data Record”

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this special issue.