Interactive comment on “Evaluation of high-resolution GRAMM/GRAL NOx simulations over the city of Zurich, Switzerland” by Antoine Berchet et al.

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Dear authors,

I would like to congratulate you with the high quality paper submitted to GMD. It was a pleasure to read the paper. The modelling strategy and results are logically ordered and the red line can be followed very well. The paper deserves to be published with a few minor changes.

The few points I would like to raise are:

- line 476: The statements concern the local contribution. Could it be different for the regional background?
- Line 608: Concerning the potential chemistry the night time N2O5 route could be relevant at medium range NOx levels as well. This reaction may also limit the life times to a few hours.
- Could you add a few lines on the possibility to assess the NO2 levels based on your calculations and using ozone data? Would the assessment of NO2 complicate the steady state classification scheme?
- Concerning emission modelling other emission categories also include temperature effect that my impact local contributions such as temperature and cold starts, etc.
- In a follow-up study I would to be curious in how far the system is able to reflect concentration variability with meteorological parameters that are not used in the classification system directly, such as ambient temperature.

again it was a pleasure to learn about your very interesting model approach! Martijn Schaap