

***Interactive comment on “Atmospheric observations of the water vapour continuum in the near-infrared windows between 2500–6600 cm<sup>-1</sup>” by Jonathan Elsey et al.***

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Page 33, Fig. 17: The authors used the HITRAN2016 spectroscopic database for their line-by-line absorption calculations. However, the retrieval of Reichert and Sussmann (2016) that is included in the figure is based on aer\_v\_3.2, that is provided alongside the LBLRTM model. This line list consists mainly of HITRAN2008. Did the authors consider, that a quantitative description of the water vapor continuum is related to the set of line parameter values used? This should at least be discussed.

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