Reply on RC1
Jiye Zeng et al.

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Thanks to the reader for the comment.

Strictly speaking, YEAR was not included in training machine learning models directly. Instead, the annual increase rates of CO$_2$ at decadal scales were extracted by an iteration method and the rates were used to remove the trend in CO$_2$ measurements. The trend removed (or normalized) data were used for training the models. The iteration method used machine learning to remove the dependence of CO$_2$ on SST, SSS, MDL, CHL, LAT and LON and used linear regression to remove the dependence of CO$_2$ on YEAR.

In addition to citing the reference of the iteration method, we will put the description in the next revision.