Interactive comment on “Developing a portable, autonomous aerosol backscatter lidar for network or remote operations” by K. B. Strawbridge

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The author is indeed correct that the comments referred to page and line numbers in the prior draft. Having checked the on-line draft, many of the specific comments remain concerning grammatical errors and suggestions to strengthen the draft.

While CORALNET is now called out in the Introduction, the sentence introduced doesn’t flow directly into the second sentence. The suggestion to highlight the network, rather than the technology of the lidars themselves, and to explain the science done (and can be done with such a network) will be remembered by the uninitiated reader. Suggestions have been made about connecting the dots from the fire plumes in Section 5 and the sources. It also would be worthwhile to point out how and where the data from these lidars have previously been used in other work (rather than to pass
over it with a simple reference).

The author will have to refer back to the original draft to locate the page/line numbers for the comments made. If they have been corrected to his satisfaction, fine.