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The trend line in figure 2 is a regression line. What else can it be? Excel has the options to display the equation and R2 on the chart. However, a regression line is not correct because the data are not normally distributed.

So I would suggest to skip the trendline, or skip figure 2 altogether as the data were not analyzed on this scale.

In case the authors are interested in descriptive results, then they could plot the dots and skip the nonparametric correlation and the significant p-value (which only suggests that the correlation is greater than zero).

But I rest my case as many people will draw the trend line in their mind anyway, right or wrong.

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I declare that I have no competing interests