

***Interactive comment on “Inventory-based estimation of aboveground net primary production in Japan’s forests from 1980 to 2005” by Y. Wang et al.***

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(1) The authors have one-to-one relationships TNPP–ANPP, NPPs–ANPP, NPPL–ANPP (Table 1), and AB–ANPP (Table 2), but which relationship was used to estimate ANPP in Table 3? If you only used AB–ANPP relationship, what is your intention to show the all the relationships? (2) Coefficients are at best only statistical estimates, so I suggest that the number of significant digits used in Figs 1 & 2 and Tables 1 & 2 be decreased, i.e. use  $0.81x+0.4$  rather than the very “precise” numbers used. (3) The unit of ANPP should be specified, dry matter-based or C-based. (4) How can you get the numbers labeled above the triangles in Fig. 3?

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