Interactive comment on “The global forest above-ground biomass pool for 2010 estimated from high-resolution satellite observations” by Maurizio Santoro et al.

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The prediction of GSV from the SAR data was not based on a dataset of training samples. Instead, it relied on a self-calibration approach, which was referred to on lines 220-222. Thereafter (lines 223-227), we explain briefly the reasons for not training the retrieval models with in situ measurements. The rationale and implementation of model training are presented in Sections A.2 and A.3 of the Supplement. In conclusion, the issue of spatial autocorrelation does not apply to our predictions.