

## ***Interactive comment on “Development of a standard database of reference sites for validating global burned area products” by Magí Franquesa et al.***

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Dataset harmonization It is apparent that the individual datasets collated in BARD were derived using a variety of semi-automatic procedures, and in the context of projects that had a somewhat different emphasis. How were the data harmonized so that they can be used together meaningfully ? The title, abstract, introduction and conclusion imply a degree of harmonization between the datasets that is well beyond what was done, and might be seen as overstating the potential of the BARD to be a 'standard database'. Furthermore, there is no formal discussion in the paper of what requirements/criteria/standards should be met by a 'standard database'.

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