

***Interactive comment on “A universal error source  
in past climate estimates derived from tree rings”  
by Juhani Rinne et al.***

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The title should definitely be changed because it is really misleading. We get the impression that all tree-ring-based reconstructions are erroneous (see the words “A universal error source”). Instead they conclude that “However, when the degrees of freedom in Fig.3c are e.g. over 14, the bias nearly vanishes”. Moreover they use a tree-ring-based reconstruction with larger replication (Esper et al. 2012) to define their bias.

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