

Interactive comment on “Is global dimming and brightening in Japan limited to urban areas?” by Katsumasa Tanaka et al.

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Whether the observed global dimming and brightening of surface solar radiation is limited to urban areas? This is an important but not well solved issue. Different from other studies, the authors made great effort in collecting meta-data of the observations, including different indices related to urbanization and information on the instruments. The information is important for related studies. This paper can be a model to be followed by the similar studies in other countries. I strongly recommend the author's efforts and publication of this paper. I found minors errors but have already mentioned by the first referee.

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