Interactive comment on “Microzooplankton functional responses in the lab and in the field” by S. F. Sailley and E. T. Buitenhuis

Anonymous Referee #3

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I read the paper together with the two comments posted by other two reviewers. I agree with most points made by the other two reviewers particularly Referee #1. I still want to point out that the dataset itself has some value. If one digs into the dataset and really does some serious analysis, she/he might be able to work out some good results, as the first referee pointed out.

I do not intend to repeat many of the points that the other two reviewers have already made. But one thing I want to emphasize is that an analysis on this kind of dataset deserves much more careful reanalysis than a simple regression model as in Buitenhuis et al. (Global Biogeochemical Cycles 2010).

Some grammar errors and incomplete sentences indicate that the authors were not careful with the manuscript. For example, see p. 156, line 9: change ‘compile’ to ‘compiled’. P. 157, line 2. What is the ‘Another’ for?

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