1. Above- and below ground biomass were from Table 1 (page 192).

Meng found that the unit for above- and belowground biomass was (milligram per ramet), but not g m-2. Need double check with Blanca.

***[Response from Blanca]*** *The data is probably from this table, but we have the same conversion problem. Use the total dry mass value (g/m2). From the leaves and the belowground (short roots, roots, and rhizomes) per ramet you can calculate the proportion of above to belowground biomass in each site and use it to calculate the corresponding g/m2 from the total.*

According to the response from Blanca, we recalculated the biomass for both above and belowground biomass. All the calculations were done in SAS codes. The unit of original data for dry mass (milligram per ramet) were wrong in the previous version master datasheet, which has been correct to g m-2 by Meng in the updated datasheet.

Abovebiomass= (Leaves+Short shoots) Dry mass \* density.

Belowbiomass= (Rhizome + Roots) Dry mass \* density.

