

Editor's Comment:

This is my decision

Accept

I suggest that the authors will improve the introduction with some ideas that will make the paper easy to read and very sound

A sentence about how important are the soils in the Earth System and the services they offer to the humankind is relevant as this will bring many readers to the paper

Also they should mention the key role of the soils to achieve the United Nations sustainability goals the authors can read this here

Keesstra, S. D., Bouma, J., Wallinga, J., Tittonell, P., Smith, P., Cerdà, A., Montanarella, L., Quinton, J. N., Pachepsky, Y., van der Putten, W. H., Bardgett, R. D., Moolenaar, S., Mol, G., Jansen, B., and Fresco, L. O.: The significance of soils and soil science towards realization of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, *SOIL*, 2, 111-128, doi:10.5194/soil-2-111-2016, 2016

Mol, G., Keesstra, S.D., 2012. Editorial: Soil science in a changing world. *Current Opinions in Environmental Sustainability* 4: 473–477.

There is also a need to that the authors in the discussion and/or conclusions will show other strategies to control the soil degradation

This will improve the impact of their paper

See here a good example

Keesstra, S., Pereira, P., Novara, A., Brevik, E. C., Azorin-Molina, C., Parras-Alcántara, L., ... & Cerdà, A. (2016). Effects of soil management techniques on soil water erosion in apricot orchards. *Science of the Total Environment*, 551, 357-366.

Parras-Alcántara, L., B. Lozano-García, S. Keesstra, A. Cerdà, and E. C. Brevik. 2016. Long-Term Effects of Soil Management on Ecosystem Services and Soil Loss Estimation in Olive Grove Top Soils. *Science of the Total Environment*. doi:10.1016/j.scitotenv.2016.07.016.

Those are suggestions to improve the paper and make the research done more sound

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