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Comment on soil-2021-35

Ember Morrissey (Editor)

Editor comment on "Microbial activity responses to water stress in agricultural soils from simple and complex crop rotations" by Jörg Schneckner et al., SOIL Discuss.,
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This manuscript has now been reviewed by two Referee's both of whom find value in the work and provide suggestions for improvement. Reviewer 1 has a particularly relevant comment about how differences in soil physical and chemical properties between the sites may be strong drivers of the response to water stress. Additional presentation of the soil physical and chemical properties of the sites, or control soils, may aid in reader interpretation of the results. Please consider the reviewer comments in revising your manuscript.