

***Interactive comment on “The role of
microorganisms and plants at different stages of
ecosystem development for soil formation” by
S. Schulz et al.***

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I am not an expert in soil biota and mainly familiar with soil chronosequences on much longer timescales. However I have some experience with soil chronosequences in the Alps (Morteralsch & Val Mulix region). Ans so I note that there are a few references that might be incorporated into this review that might make the final summation more robust: those of Mavris et al (2010), *Geoderma* 155:359; Mavris et al., (2011) *Geoderma* 165:106; Egli et al., (2011) *Geoderma* 164:11; Mavris et al. (2012) *sedimentary Geology*, doi:10.1016/j.sedgeo.2012.04.008 I read the comments of anonymous reviewer #1 and strongly agree with 95% of them. Thus, please consider my review as very

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much in concert with review #1. We included the mentioned references in the respective passages in the text. For details about the response to Reviewer 1 see supplement.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.biogeosciences-discuss.net/10/C1364/2013/bgd-10-C1364-2013-supplement.pdf>

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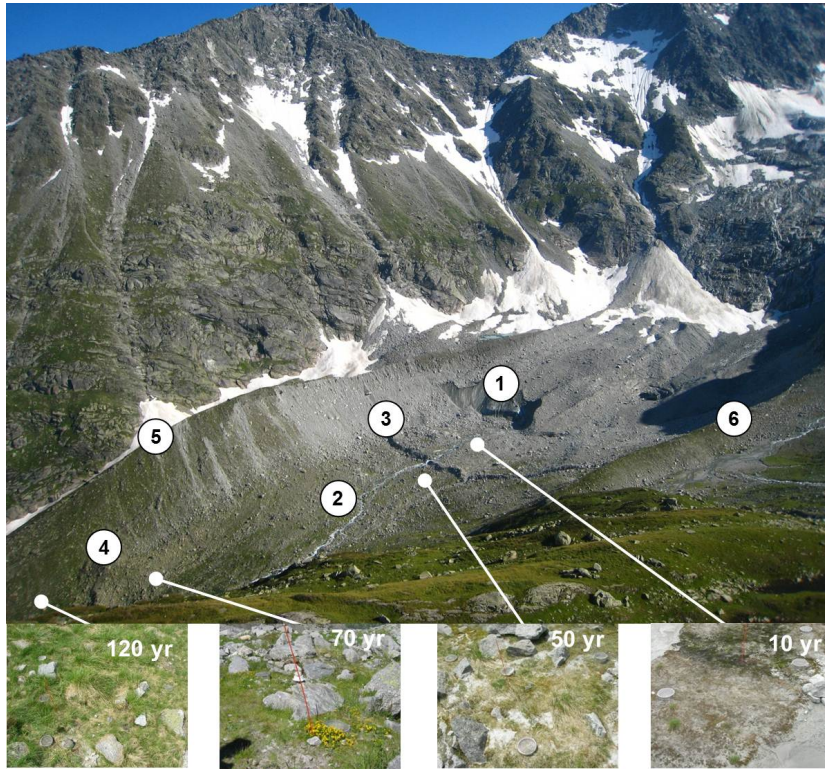


Fig. 1. Figure 1

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Fig. 2. Figure 3

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