

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

**Anonymous Referee #2**

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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 much in concert with review #1.

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