

**Author Response to the editor final-final comments on:**

*“Accumulation of nitrogen and organic matter during primary succession of Leymus arenarius dunes on the volcanic island Surtsey, Iceland”* by G. Stefansdottir et al. Biogeosciences Discuss., 11, C3624–C3624, 2014

**List of all changes made in the final-final version of the manuscript – Additional changes in the final-final version are indicated in red.**

**(all changes are indicated in the final manuscript and with an added “Comment”) – a clean copy is also submitted:**

Editor final-final comment	Changes to be made
<p><b>Comment 1:</b> Page 9, lines 24/25: Please delete the rhetorical question. The argument follows well also without it, no need to “guide” the reader in this way. I find it can sound patronising to use questions like this in papers.</p> <p><b>Comment 2:</b> In Figure 3, please put “Leymus” in the x-axis title in italics. I was not sure why there was a break in the y-axis in the top panel, and scaling was to 800. Can this be removed?</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Both changes were made. The scaling to 800, and then the brake in the topmost panel, was to have the same scale on the y-axis for all ecosystem components. But this is of minor importance and looks much better with different scales.</p>

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