

## ***Interactive comment on “Bryophyte colonization history of the virgin volcanic island Surtsey, Iceland” by G. V. Ingimundardóttir et al.***

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4824:7 - when number of species increase from 36 to 72 then the number has doubled, not almost doubled. Fixed. page 4826:19 - reference made to: Friðriksson, Sveinbjörnsson et al. 1972 which is a three author paper and in other cases such references are made as: Friðriksson et al. as in line 25. 4828:10 - see last comment! 4830:26 - see last comment 4836:17 - Magnússon and Friðriksson 1972, should be Magnússon and Friðriksson 1974. All Friðriksson et al., 1972 citations have been changed into either 1972a or 1972b accordingly. 4829:8 - northern shallow part of the island... - Are islands shallow? Yes, some are but we will change this just the same. 4830: first paragraph - There the authors state that since only 2 species were found in M15 the presence of the research facilities and helicopter platform do not have any

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obvious effect on species richness. Can you draw that conclusion? comparing M15 to the closest quadrats there are fewer species in M15 than any of its neighbours. Yes, we can safely say that we cannot see any obvious effects of the facilities and the platform on the species richness. We are not saying that it doesn't but only that we cannot draw any conclusions. Comparing the two species in M15 with the 3, 3, 5 and 6 species in the closest quadrats does not prove that the difference is for any other reason than coincidence. 4856: - in the figure text to Fig. 7 colony is misspelled. Fixed.

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