

Interactive comment 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.

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This is a very nice, carefully executed study of nitrogen development during primary succession on Surtsey. It provides a novel view of the rate of N accumulation. Such data are quite rare. In particular, the role of *Leymus* in dune development is well described. The long-term importance of the N accumulation is correctly emphasized.

Minor comment: throughout, there is inconsistent use of italics for generic names. In acknowledgements, have any colleagues provided friendly reviews?

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