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## Interactive comment on "Only small changes in soil organic carbon and charcoal concentrations found one year after experimental slash-and-burn in a temperate deciduous forest" by E. Eckmeier et al.

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We want to use the experimental plot described in our paper for long-term observations. It is planned to keep the plot accessible over a period of 20 years to investigate the translocation of charcoal from the surface into the soil, also at lower depths. If you want to use IR to determine the charcoal C in your samples, you would need to have a calibration set of samples, of which you already know the charcoal C content. Further details are given in Janik et al. (2007).

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