

## ***Interactive comment on “A preliminary assessment of peat degradation in West Kalimantan” by G. Z. Anshari***

### **Anonymous Referee #1**

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Review of the manuscript entitled: “A preliminary assessment of peat degradation in West Kalimantan” by Gust Z Anshari

Comment 1 The author relates peat degradation in West Kalimantan to factors such as organic matter, total organic carbon, total nitrogen, and total sulphur.

Comment 2 How do you define peat degradation? Comment 3 Organic matter and total organic carbon are correlated. Therefore use either one of the two, but not both.

Comment 4 Can you explain why total N is extremely low, and total S is sufficiently high in degraded peatlands?

Comment 5 The paper has 6 tables and no figures. Please change some of the tables into figures to make the paper more attractive to read.

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Comment 6 The English of the paper needs improvement as it is poor at several places. To correct the manuscript it is recommended to involve a native English speaker editor.

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