

Interactive comment on “Comprehensive description of the carbon cycle of an ancient temperate broadleaved woodland” by K. Fenn et al.

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The paper has been assessed by two reviewers (Gerhard Wieser and one anonymous reviewer) and has received one interactive comment by Werner Kutsch. Comments received were tepid and critical: Both reviewers rated the scientific significance and quality fair and even poor - the anonymous reviewer recommended rejecting the paper while Gerhard Wieser recommended minor revisions. All comments agree in that the authors are likely overstating the supposed uniqueness of the paper and that in fact the paper is quite routine, no novel insights are presented and the pertinent literature is not cited adequately. Reviewer #2, in addition, raises a number of concerns regarding the

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methodology and the reliability of the results which make him questioning much of the results.

Based on the discussion process I thus have a hard time imagining that the paper will eventually become acceptable for publication in BG. Should the authors nevertheless decide to submit a revision, the new version will need a major overhaul in order to make it a significant contribution to the field and all reviewer and interactive comments will need to be addressed in a satisfactory fashion. Any revision should be accompanied by a detailed point-by-point reply to the reviewer comments.

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