

***Interactive comment on “Above- and below-ground response to soil moisture change on an alpine wetland ecosystem in the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, China” by G.-L. Wu et al.***

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The authors should be congratulated for picking a very important and endangered ecosystem in China. This region is a focal point for endangered grazing animals and biodiversity. At the moment, though, I can not evince more enthusiasm for this paper given the difficult and distracting writing style. No clear explanation of the "sequence space-series variation" method, or indeed its assumptions, is provided. In the site description, I saw reference to a "felty" soil ("peaty" ?), and am not familiar with this designation. The authors should use a std soil taxonomy, perhaps FAO. Perhaps all further technical comment might be forestalled if I simply point-out this paper's subject matter might be better suited to "Journal of Vegetation Science", or "Arctic, Antarctic and Alpine Research".

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