

## ***Interactive comment on “Mineralisation, leaching and stabilisation of <sup>13</sup>C-labelled leaf and twig litter in a beech forest soil” by A. Kammer and F. Hagedorn***

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We thank both referees for the many constructive comments on our manuscript and the various helpful suggestions to improve it. We used them to thoroughly revise the manuscript. In particular, as demanded by both referees, we discuss now more deeply how the methods used (two-point Keeling plots, small <sup>13</sup>C label, litter originating from a CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment experiment, amount of litter larger than at the study site, trenching of plots) might have affected their findings. Please find in the supplement our responses to the comments of both referees in detail.

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