

***Interactive comment on “Is the content and potential preservation of soil organic carbon reflected by cation exchange capacity? A case study in Swiss forest soils” by Emily F. Solly et al.***

**Anonymous Referee #3**

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Just realized I was really thinking too much about Ca in my comment! By the chicken and egg conundrum I meant to say CEC, which is as reviewer 2 pointed out, confounded by SOM. Unlike reviewer 2, I don't think this makes it unpublishable but it may be worth looking at Ca only as a proxy as well to help sort it out!

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