

***Interactive comment on “Reviews and Syntheses: Impacts of plant silica – herbivore interactions on terrestrial biogeochemical cycling” by Bernice C. Hwang and Daniel B. Metcalfe***

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(Comment) I was very pleased to read the paper. The topic is very timely and interesting and the text is pleasant to read. I also think that the different subtopics/paragraphs are well-balanced and cite most of the relevant publications. The meta-analysis of the literature was good for what it is, but not even necessary. The main message is strong enough to publish on its own, but I guess you need it to prove your claim. I wish I came up with the idea of this review/opinion paper :o) I'd love to see this paper published as is.

(Response) We thank the reviewer for his positive assessment of the manuscript. We

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hope that the manuscript will encourage more research in this overlooked topic.

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