

We write you concerning our review article “Role of soil nitrogen for the conifers of the boreal forest: a critical review” (2013/IJPSS/4233) which we submitted for publication in “International Journal of Plant and Soil Science”.

We send you the revised manuscript and the SDI review forms with our responses.

We have gone through each of the comments from the reviewers and have presented our responses in the SDI review forms 1.6 of each Reviewer. We’ve highlighted the corrections in the revised manuscript in yellow.

After the re-organization of the text, according to the comments by one of the Reviewers to reduce the complexity of the review, we’ve suppressed three figures (Figure 3, 4 and 5 of the old manuscript) since the section in which they were included was much reduced in the new version of the manuscript and the text was clear enough without additional figures.

The permission to reproduce the two remaining figures has been asked to the owners of the copyright and the authors have been informed of our intention to reproduce their figures in our review article and have agreed. If the article is accepted, we will write you to confirm that the authorizations to reproduce the copyrighted material have been obtained, prior to the publication online.

Once again, thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in the “International Journal of Plant and Soil Science”.