

The final decision for manuscript number 2013IJPSS4233 entitled “Role of soil nitrogen for the conifers of the boreal forest: a critical review” by Lupi Carlo, Morin Hubert, Deslauriers Annie, Rossi Sergio, and Houle Daniel.

Following evaluation of all documents related to the manuscript I can tell that the manuscript is appropriate for International Journal of Plant & Soil Science. The revised version of manuscript is significantly improved comparing to the original one. Authors have introduced into the text many changes according to reviewer’s suggestions and requirements. However, a little correction of the text is still needed.

1. Spaces are missing between many words in entire text.

The text has been verified and eventual errors have been corrected

2. The numbers of literature cited should be written only in [...]; but not in ([...]). (...) must be deleted. Moreover, if there are more numbers, they should be written in one bracket.

Examples: line 4, instead of ([1],[2]) it should be [1, 2]

line 7, instead of ([3],[4], [5]) it should be [3, 4, 5]

The modification has been made according to the request (i.e. [...] instead of ([...]), deleting (...)).

3. All abbreviations and acronyms should be additionally explained when they appears for the first time in the text. An example could be ECM in Abstract or DON in line 13.

All abbreviations and acronyms are already explained in the “DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS” section (p. 34 of the revised manuscript), at the end of the manuscript, before the “REFERENCES” section, according to the MS word SDI paper template available online:

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4. Authors should add COMPETING INTERESTS and AUTHORS’ CONTRIBUTIONS just after ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

These sections have been added to the revised manuscript as requested.

My final decision is: Accept after minor correction.