

Interactive comment on “Use of phytoremediation and biochar to remediate heavy metal polluted soils: a review” by J. Paz-Ferreiro et al.

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This is an interesting review on the potential of biochar and phytoremediation combined for remediating heavy metal polluted soils. My only major suggestion would be to enrich the discussion with the recent paper “A review of biochars’ potential role in the remediation, revegetation and restoration of contaminated soils” by Beesley et al. (2011, Env Pollut). I do believe that the present manuscript provides new insights (biochar/phytoremediation combined) and may represent a useful contribution to the scientific literature, but the new aspects with respect to Beesley et al. (2011) need to be made clearer by the authors. Other minor comments are: An introduction to biochar in the Introduction section would be beneficial. P. 4, l. 21: “In contrast,” P. 4, l. 4: “and secondly” P. 11, l. 1-4: This sentence is unclear. Please reword. P. 12, l. 15: Provide a reference(s) for this statement.

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