

## ***Interactive comment on “Wildfire effects on biological properties of soils in forest-steppe ecosystems of Russia” by E. Maksimova and E. Abakumov***

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Dear Referee! Thank You very much for your comment to my manuscript. I have change the manuscript according to your suggestions, the following comments I have made to Your recommendations:

Study materials This chapter was added by the following short review:

Samara region is characterized by considerable heterogeneity of natural conditions and soil cover. This is connected with its location in two natural zones - forest steppe and steppe which boundary passes through the bed of Samara River (Vasil'eva, Baranova, 2007). The most important feature the forest-steppe is the soil diversity, which reflects

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primarily a transitional character between forest and steppe zones. Areas of Luvisols, Ubric luvisols, leached and calcaric Chernozems cover the watersheds and values of the forest-steppe zone (Nosin, 1949; Vasil'eva, Baranova, 2007; Abakumov, Gagarina, 2008; Abakumov et al., 2009; Urusevskaja et al., 2000). The steppe zone of Samara region is a zone of ordinary and southern calcaric chernozems dominance in the soil cover. Generally soils are clay and clay loam (80%). The presence of coarse material as gravel and stone is often observed in the soil mechanical composition of the forest-steppe zone (Nosin, 1949; Vasil'eva, Baranova, 2007; Abakumov, Gagarina, 2008; Abakumov et al., 2009; Urusevskaja et al., 2000).

Introduction The sentence was changed to “Forest fires radically changes edaphic conditions, and, hence, affect the microbiological and biochemical processes in the soil”.

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Thank You very much!

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