

Interactive comment on “Geochemical mass-balance, weathering and evolution of soils formed on a Quaternaryage basaltic toposequences” by Hüseyin Şenol et al.

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Dear authors:

I just would like to make some recommendations in order to improve the manuscript. Of course, these are kind suggestions to you.

(1) I strongly recommend shortening the title. The method is the key of your research, so I suggest this: "Geochemical mass-balance applied to the study of weathering and evolution of soils".

(2) At the beginning of the abstract, it is a good idea to include a pair of sentences to highlight the relevance of studying pedogenesis and soils as an open system. Then,

the purpose.

(3) The final paragraph of the introduction must include the objectives, as you have done. But I suggest stating what is the main objective (suggesting an empirical method for the study of ... involving mass-balance study) and secondary objectives as [i], [ii], [iii], [iv], ...

(4) For figures, I strongly encourage you to use color because [i] it improves readability and [ii] it attracts citations.

I have submitted a separate file (find it as a supplementary file) with some annotations for the first sections of your manuscript. I hope you find it useful.

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Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.solid-earth-discuss.net/se-2016-105/se-2016-105-SC1-supplement.pdf>

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