

## Interactive comment on "Reversing land degradation through grasses: a systematic meta-analysis in the Indian tropics" by Debashis Mandal et al.

## **Anonymous Referee #1**

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The manuscript se-2016-143 is an interesting exploration of reversing land degradation through re vegetation of suitable grasses and is interesting to the wide readership of Solid Earth. In fact the topic is pertinent and addresses a challenging sustainability concern. Nevertheless, I have some suggestions for further improving the clarity and organization of the manuscript.

The abstract should be rewritten and it must start with some background information of the problem. Moreover, it must end up with a strong take home message.

Similarly, the criteria used for selecting various papers for this particular meta-analysis must be clearly provided in Materials and Methods sections.

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