

Response to Reviewer # 1

We thank Reviewer #1 for thoughtful and supportive comments.

We revised the manuscript. And we hope that the revised version of the manuscript became better.

Comment	Response
First, scientific English language is below any standards in this paper. The authors should ask a native English speaker or a professional translator to revise the text.	The revised version of the manuscript was corrected by a professional translator and by a native speaker.
Second, there are some disappointing mistakes in soil classification	Thank to Professor Gerasimova, the names of soils studied were corrected professionally.
Table 1, the first soil: Stagnic should go before Glossic, Profondic is a secondary qualifier, and thus should go after the name of the RG.	We have corrected the name of the first soil. The corrected name is Endocalcaric Albic Neocambic Stagnic Glossic Retisols (Geoabruptic, Chromic, Loamic).
Table 1, the second soil: Stagnic should go before Glossic, Profondica is a secondary qualifies, and the soil should be either Ochric or Himic, but not both of them.	We have corrected the name of the second soil. The corrected name is Endocalcaric Albic Neocambic Stagnic Glossic Retisols (Geoabruptic, Ochric, Lamellic).
Table 1, the forth soil: Profondic is a secondary qualifier.	We have corrected the name of the forth soil. The corrected name is Endocalcaric Glossic Albic Histic Stagnosols (Geoabruptic).
Table 1, the fifth column: please change all the commas to decimal points	We have changed all the commas to decimal points in fifth column.
Table 1, the sixth column: prism-like structure does not exist in any international classification, though I can imagine what You mean. Please refer to FAO or USDA manuals for field soil description	In sixth column, we have replaced prism-like structure with prismatic structure.
Figures 2 and 3: please try to follow internationally accepted terminology. I do not understand the expression "upper slope". Do You mean shoulder or backslope position?	We have replaced «upper slope» with «backslope» in figures 2 and 3 and throughout the text.

<p>May we regard "upper footslope" and "lower footslope" as footslope and toeslope accordingly?</p>	<p>We have replaced «upper footslope» and "lower footslope" with «footslope» and «toeslope», respectively.</p>
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