

## ***Interactive comment on “Eddy covariance for quantifying trace gas fluxes from soils” by W. Eugster and L. Merbold***

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To the Editor

this article is supposed to be a review article (see Fig. 1) and thus we need some clarification on what actually a review article is supposed to be. According to the guidelines a **review article** “should comprehensively summarize and especially synthesize the state-of-the-art science of specific subjects related to the scope of the journal” whereas a **research article** is “based on primary data collected and present substantial and original findings”.

I personally was under the impression that review articles should **never** try to sneak in too much unreviewed brand-new material, but as it appears that’s exactly what the

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Editor and the two reviewers were expecting.

We actually find both reviews very helpful, but we would hesitate to switch from a review article to a research article. As I understood we were asked to provide a review article, not a research article to the first volume of SOIL. If our contribution really does not meet the standards for a review article then we better think of leaving it as is.

Please clarify this point before we can address the two helpful reviews in detail.

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## My Author Overview

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Fig. 1. Manuscript status of our review article