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Dear Dr. Raúl Zornoza Universidad Politecnica de Cartagena SOIL Topical Editor, raul.zornoza@upct.es

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Greetings;

Referring your decision letter on my submitted manuscript (soil-2015-40R5) and encouraging me to revise the manuscript after addressing the comments and suggestions of the respected reviewer. Here, Please find enclosed the revised version of the manuscript entitled "Potential effects of vinasse as a soil amendment to control runoff and soil loss" by Z. Hazbavi and S.H.R. Sadeghi. All comments and suggestions of the respected reviewer have been addressed in the revised version as detailed below. The entire revisions were highlighted by red color in the manuscript. The acknowledge receipt of the same and informing me about the status of the progress in paper evaluation is much obliged in advance. Should you need to contact me, please use the address given above or in the manuscript.

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Comments to the Author:

The manuscript can be published when the following have been addressed:

1) Make suggested English improvements;

Ans. It was thoroughly rechecked. I also think it got a very good improvement due to very valuable editions made by the respected journal editor.

- 2) Remove the two references to EGU abstracts and replace with references to journal papers. **Ans.** The reference was added.
- 3) Specific instances where these improvements are needed are noted in the supplied annotated pdf file.

Ans. It was done.

4) Also, be certain to address the technical corrections provided by the topical editor. **Ans.** All Corrections were made.

Thank you for submitting your work to SOIL! Sincerely,

Eric C. Brevik

Response to comments noted on the PDF:

These are non-peer reviewed abstracts, which means they are not strong references. Better references from the same research group would be:

Cerdà, A., González-Pelayo, Ó., Giménez-Morera, A., Jordán, A., Pereira, P., Novara, A., Brevik, E.C., Prosdocimi, M., Mahmoodabadi, M., Keesstra, S., García Orenes, F., Ritsema, C. The use of barley straw residues to avoid high erosion and runoff rates on persimmon plantations in Eastern Spain under low frequency – high magnitude simulated rainfall events. Soil Research. in press.

Prosdocimi, M., Jordán, A., Tarolli, P., Keesstra, S., Novara, A., Cerdà, A. 2016. The immediate effectiveness of barley straw mulch in reducing soil erodibility and surface runoff generation in Mediterranean vineyards. Science of The Total Environment 547, 15, 323-330.

Ans. The suggested references were replaced.

There is still an "a" at 30 min. You should replace "a" by "ns". **Ans.** It was edited.

I hope the final emendations caused to consent the respected reviewers and made my paper well qualified for final acceptance and publication.

Sincerely, **S.H.R. Sadeghi**

Enclosure