

Interactive comment on “Effect of land management on soil properties in flood irrigated citrus orchards in Eastern Spain” by A. Morugán-Coronado et al.

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Dear authors,

I would like to use SOILD as a forum to hopefully get debate started on **organic farming** studies. Whilst there is no doubt that the **organic inputs** used in this study had great benefits, I think there is a risk of misquoting by a powerful **organic farming** lobby. None of your conventional treatments include an organic amendment, but farming that uses herbicides etc. does not preclude this practice. A simple change in terminology from 'organic farming' to 'use of organic amendments', in addition to

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qualifying statements could get around this issue. To truly test organic farming you would need additional treatment factors to separate cultivation, herbicide and organic input effects.

Best regards,

Paul Hallett

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