

## ***Interactive comment on “Are biodiversity indices of spontaneous grass covers in olive orchards good indicators of soil degradation?” by E. V. Taguas et al.***

**Anonymous Referee #3**

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The manuscript is focused on an important issue about indicators choice of soil degradation in olive orchards. The idea, described in the title, is not described in depth in the other sections of the manuscript ( introduction, discussion) The manuscript shows important data on soil management in orchard in relation to specific site condition and weed biodiversity. Therefore, the manuscript could be accepted for the publication in SOIL after the major revision. Such major revision should mainly be addressed to change the path of the whole manuscript, using the present data.

I suggest to use always the same terminology, Weed, spontaneous , cover crop... Page 240; Line 19 – Explain Richness (R) and how the values are obtained. Table 2,

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