

## ***Interactive comment on “Soil Conservation in the 21st Century: Why we need Smart Intensification” by Gerard Govers et al.***

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Dear Editors,

Attached you will find my replies to the referees as well as a revised version of my manuscript. Unfortunately I was stupid enough to not switch on 'track changes' when revising my manuscript. However, in the referee comments you will find annotations as to how nearly all referee comments were taken into account. The manuscript has also been improved on the following points:

- A significant number of references has been added to support some of the points made in the manuscript - Three figures were added, one is a photograph simply illustrating the point that excessive erosion can often be readily detected and one which quantitatively supports the point that intensification may indeed help to store

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more carbon and reduce erosion at the landscape scale. - Language was revised throughout the manuscript - Bibliography revised and updated

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.soil-discuss.net/soil-2016-36/soil-2016-36-AC1-supplement.zip>

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