

## ***Interactive comment on “Leaf waxes in litter and topsoils along a European transect” by I. Schäfer et al.***

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Thanks a lot for your effort on the revision of our manuscript. We will revise it according to your suggestions. Find below our detailed response.

INTRODUCTION Page 1; Line 28: I will suggest to include at last an earlier relevant reference i.e. Eglinton et al., Nature 193: 739-742, 1962. This may be also added in other parts of the text together with Eglinton and Hamilton, 1967. - will be included

Page 2; Line 26: depths in brackets may be deleted; this info is in the MM section. -will be deleted

MATERIAL AND METHODS Page 3; Line 7 to 9: This is a long sentence, please rewrite. -will be rewritten

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Page 3; Line 11: “seven meters apart from each other” -will be changed

Page 5; Line 32: I think that this is the first appearance of L for “litter”, define i.e. in Page 4; Line 20 -will be defined on p.2, L37

REFERENCES: Killops and Killops. You may add that the text is available as a link at <http://www.eaog.org> -will be added

Kirkels et al. delete “b” in “2013b” -will be deleted

There is a very particular “possessive” treatment throughout the MS i.e. “our samples”, “our n-alkanes”, etc. This is Ok but rather unusual in a MS. The authors may consider changing the pronoun. -we will revise the manuscript accordingly

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