Topical Editor Decision: Publish subject to minor revisions (review by editor) (27 Aug 2018) by Axel Don Comments to the Author:

Dear Dr Lee and Co-athors,

Thank you for uploading the revised version of your paper. It improved and is becoming almost ready to be published in SOIL.

Please clarify one issue on the non-agricultural land:

On page 4, l. 13 please add if there was (light) grazing by sheep or cattle also possible at sampling sites classified as "non-agricultural land". This might be important for the reader to follow the classification scheme.

Best regards, Axel Don

We sincerely appreciate the comment from the topical editor. As suggested, we have added the following sentence to make clear that there was no commercial grazing at the non-agricultural sites. Specifically now on page 4 line 16: "There was no livestock grazing in the non-agricultural region."