

Interactive comment on “Application of a laser-based spectrometer for continuous insitu measurements of stable isotopes of soil CO₂ in calcareous and acidic soils” by Jobin Joseph et al.

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While the introduction section discussing soil CO₂ measurement techniques does include some discussion of chamber and tower sampling, it should also include references that made use of soil gas wells to sample CO₂ for d13C and d18O values, as that is more similar to the work the paper describes. I suggest you include these references, both of which are relevant to arid and semi-arid soils, as that is the focus of the manuscript under discussion:

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