

Interactive comment on “Soil: the great connector of our lives now and beyond COVID-19” by Rosa M. Poch et al.

Anonymous Referee #1

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This text deals with the importance of soil for the future well-being of mankind. I do not see it as a scientific manuscript but more as a statement to change our prevailing economic system and switch into something more sustainable. It is therefore quite difficult for me to mark it as either “go ahead with publishing” or “reject”. In general I have doubts if this journal would be the right place to publish such a statement because I could not think of anyone who would disagree with the content which is obvious to the members of the soil science community in its generality. I would see the publication of such a manifesto in more publicly available media. I could imagine that publishing this manifesto after translation into national languages and moving it from a purely science oriented journal into different media with general public attention be more effective to convey its message. I therefore finally decided to suggest rejection not because I do

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not agree with the content but because I would like to see these statements published at different national media. However, if the editors decide that such kind of messages would fit into the scope of 'Soil' I could quite happily live with it as well.

I rated the scientific significance poor because actually no new findings are presented.

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