

Dear Professor Giudici,  
we have now made the corrections to the manuscript according to your suggestions (see below).

Kind regards,  
Mats Larsbo

The paper can be published. I stress two points that could be possibly improved with very minor changes, without requiring any further examination of mine.

I wonder whether the caption of figure 2 could be changed, possibly as "Determination of soil tension for gravitally-driven flow rates corresponding to irrigation rates of 2 and 12 mm/h for two of the columns".

*-We have now rewritten the caption based on your suggestion.*

$p < 0.05$  can be confused with  $p0.05$ , which is a completely different quantity. I read again section 2.7 and I understand that  $p < 0.05$  means that a correlation is considered to be significant if it leads to a confidence level of 95%. I suggest to clarify this and possibly to slightly change the notation.

*-We have now changed ' $p < 0.05$ ' to ' $p\text{-value} < 0.05$ ' throughout the manuscript to avoid confusion.*