**Interactive comment on** “Recurrent winter warming pulses enhance nitrogen cycling and soil biotic activity in temperate heathland and grassland mesocosms” *by J. Schuerings et al.*

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Based on the reviews and the response of the authors to the comments raised, I would like to encourage the authors to submit their revised manuscript. Apart from a variance partitioning analysis, which is indeed encouraged, most comments were about presentation in almost all sections. While the authors responded to all comments in detail, I would like the authors to keep in mind that a rewrite on all those details alone does not necessarily lead to a clearer presentation of the setting of this study, the choice of the methods, the discussion of the results and its interpretation and the contribution of this study to the literature. This final aim should be central in the revision. One detail, I would prefer 'more variable' over 'more extreme variability'.

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