Comments on “Terminology Describing Soil Material Used in a Greenhouse Study”

In a recent paper (Yawney et al., 1982) there are several errors in terminology that are frequently repeated in papers published in the *SSSA Journal* and indicate a need for closer editorial attention and manuscript review. For instance, the “soil for the study” is described as “a Bladen series (clayey, mixed, thermic Typic Ochraqualt [sic]) sandy loam topsoil.”

When describing a soil material used in pot experiments, a more appropriate description might read “the soil material used for the study was a sandy loam A horizon collected from a Bladen sandy loam (clayey, mixed, thermic Typic Albaquult) mapping unit.” If the sampled soil was identified by a soil classifier using soil morphology, analysis or soil-geomorphological correlations, a taxonomic name is appropriate rather than a mapping unit name. On the other hand, if a soil is named from a soil map the use