# **Cover letter**

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iii. A brief description of the novelty and importance of the findings detailed in the paper

The paper aims to evaluate the consolidation process that takes place in soft clays deposits by applying an electro-osmosis process, which is thought to be a very interesting field of study especially for countries dealing with such soils.

### iv. Declaration

We confirm that the manuscript has been read and approved by all named authors.

## v. Conflict of Interest

We wish to confirm that there are no known conflicts of interest associated with this publication and there has been no significant financial support for this work that could have influenced its outcome.

### vi. Informed Consent

We confirm that we have given due consideration to the protection of intellectual property associated with this work and that there are no impediments to publication, including the timing of publication, with respect to intellectual property. In so doing we confirm that we have followed the regulations of our institutions concerning intellectual property.

# vii. Ethical Approval

We confirm that any aspect of the work covered in this manuscript that has involved human resources has been conducted with the ethical approval of all relevant parties.

viii. Trial Registration

ix. Contributorship

Both authors contributed significantly to the writing of the article.

We the undersigned agree with all of the above.

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