## Dear Editor,

When we tried writing it out the change exactly as suggested at line 111 which was: "In a recent study conducted at the same long term field trial studied in the present manuscript (Embu), Laub et al. (2023b) showed that all nutrient management treatments resulted in significant topsoil SOC losses, while the use of farmyard manure was the most effective strategy to minimize the loss of SOC.", we obtained:

"In a recent study conducted at the same long term field trial studied as in the present manuscript (Embu)..."

This felt a bit awkward to read, so we tweaked it to:

"In a recent study conducted at the same long term field trial that is studied in the present manuscript (Embu)..."

We think this still captures what you were looking for while flowing a bit better. Hope this works.