

Review of revised version Namwanyi et al.

The authors have responded satisfactorily to my suggestions concerning content, and have made all the minor corrections and stylistic adjustments I recommended in my technical comments. I have made a few additional corrections of minor errors of form that I either missed in the first review or that appeared in the new text that was added during revision.

I guess my comments concerning the use of a hyphen (or not) in "land use" were not clear. The term takes a hyphen when it is a compound adjective modifying a noun, for example, "land-use change" (or "land-use practices", as on line 344). It does NOT take a hyphen when "use" is a noun and "land" is an adjective modifying it. In the title, for example, the correct form is "land use". Other places where the hyphen needs to be deleted to give two separate words : lines 46, 189, 341, 424, 519, 695, 749, 787, 1049, 1050, 1067.

Line 39 : I just did a Google Scholar search and found 31 citations of Smith and Trapnell (2001). It might be interesting to consult some of the additional ones not found in the Web of Science search.

Line 44 : You might consider citing these two references if you found them useful.

Line 96 : insert a comma between "landscape" and "was"

Line 105 : It is conventional to give the page number of a reference from which a direct quote was taken.

Line 159 : delete the comma after "records" (no punctuation just before a parenthesis)

Line 170 : insert a space between "P." and "Smith"

Line 181 : insert a comma after "Volume 1"

Line 190 : change "were" to "was" (subject of this verb is "information", singular)

Line 246 : "soil type of soil properties" : should "of" be "or" (or "and" ?)

Line 304 : Unless the error was already present in the text that is cited, change "usefuol" to "useful"

Line 324 : insert a comma after "(RML) "

Line 365 : "then" should be "than"

Lines 376-379 : This sentence is run-on. I suggest putting a period after "names" on line 377, and starting a new sentence with "Whilst"

Line 393 : delete the comma after "time" (no punctuation just before a parenthesis)

Line 409 : Delete the comma just before "would"

Line 499 : "...542. Practices..." change to : "...542). Practices..." (second parenthesis is missing)

Line 535 : spelling error. Correct to "characteristic"

Line 550 : spell out the generic name *Brachystegia*, as this is the first time this species is mentioned in the text.

Line 592 : What does "these" refer to ? The logical antecedents in the preceding sentence ("information", or "recent change") are both singular.

Line 667 : change "they appears" to "they appear"

Line 669 : "as such which" : insert a comma to read "as such, which"

Lines 670-671 : change "low-regard" to "low regard"

Line 696 : "and is also highlighted" : change to : "and as also highlighted"

Line 705 : delete the comma just before the last word of the line

Line 706 : "trying to advancing" : change to : "trying to advance"

Line 708 : delete the comma after "reports"

Line 761 : "did not attend, a letter" : change to : "did not attend. A letter"

Line 776 : Why are there parentheses around the number of the table ?

Lines 889-891 : Why do the words "main" and "village" bear an initial capital letter on line 889, but not on lines 890-891 ?

Figure 1, caption : "Map of Zambia, the black rectangle" : replace the comma by a semi-colon

Figure 6 and Figure 7 : all the "sp" in the species names should be "sp.", as this is an abbreviation, and "sp." should not be in italics.

Supplement : spell out the generic name for *B. tamarinoides* the first time it is mentioned. I don't think this species was already mentioned in the main text. I also don't recall previously seeing *B. mimosifolia*.

Table S1 : Entry for 14th June 1932 : last entry on the page : three Latin names are not in italics

I have not proofread the supplementary information in detail.

I like the supplementary table giving botanical names used by Trapnell and current names.

In the fourth line of the caption to this table (S10), change "is references" to "is referenced". Also, in the table itself, the spelling of *Julbernardia* has not been corrected. (in the table, this name is missing the second "r")

I don't think you have any table where you give the scientific names of the crops. The vernacular names might be ok for most crops, but some might be ambiguous. For example, in Table 1 of the main text, I suppose that "groundnut" is *Arachis hypogaea* and that "groundbean" is *Vigna subterranea*, but I would prefer to be sure. A supplementary table with scientific names of the crops mentioned would be a useful addition.