

Comments to Authors

Abstract

Line 20: Consider changing to “.....soil-plant nutrient...”

Line 22: Consider changing to “....and Mg in soil significantly...”

Line 23: Delete the word “Moreover” and start the sentence like: Soil carbon and...

Line 26: Suggest changing “is” to “was”

Keywords. Please provide a maximum of 6 keywords. Consider changing “fertility gradient, foliar nutrients, garden zones” to “soil fertility gradient, foliar nutrient levels, home garden”. Delete keywords: “optimum nutrient levels, soil properties, symptomatic, non-symptomatic”. Consider adding “Ethiopian highland”

Introduction

L38. Use abbreviation (SDG): “... goals (SDG) aim...”

L47. Reference for citation Bezuneh et al., 1967 is missing.

L70; L93. Consider changing to “.....soil-plant nutrient interactions...”

L73. Suggest changing “may” to “might”

L75. “...(EXW) caused.....” Suggest moving abbreviation to “Enset Xanthomonas wilt (EXW) or ...”

L76. Delete “also”

L86. Delete “.” after enset

L96. Delete “s” in the words “gardens” and “outfields”

L102-105. Delete sentence: “In total, EXW prevalence..... for a subset of 40 farms.” since it corresponds to the M&M section, and the information is already included in that section.

Materials and Methods

L132. Did you want to cite “Cartledge, 1999”; instead of “Cartledge, 1995,”? check

L136-138. “Fertilizer is rarely used in (DAP) are the most common.” Suggest moving sentence onwards, at the end of the paragraph. “..... in 2016-2017). Fertilizer is rarely..... ”

L161. Suggest changing “gardens” to “enset gardens”

L170. How was the subsample of 40 farms out of the 121+83+72 selected? In the 40 selected farms, how many gardens are currently symptomatic, symptomatic in the past five years and had no symptoms? Enter the numbers. Are these onset gardens evenly distributed among the three altitude zones? Clarify in text

L203. Consider changing to “.....and P_{av} in soil were...”. Consider adding “ Al_{av} ”

L207. Consider changing to “.....each ground leaf sample.....”

L209-210. “Soil texture was determined by ; ISRIC, 2002).” Suggest moving sentence back to the beginning of the paragraph.

Results

L230. Suggest changing “Multivariate analysis of variability between farms” to “Variability of soil properties between farms”

L231. Suggest changing “data” to “dataset”

Figure 3. Enter the number of farms for each shape and colour on lines 244-246. Increase the size of the shapes in figure 3b.

L265. Suggest changing “Gradients” to “Variation”

L310. Delete sentence “In line with the significantly higher scores on the PC1 axis,” and start the sentence like: Currently symptomatic gardens.....

Discussion

L337. Suggest changing “agro-ecology” to “agro-ecological zones”

L349. ... “and strongly linked to TOC levels (figure 3)”. This link cannot be inferred from figure, I recommend removing; and might add: “.... reflecting the paramount influence of intra-farm management on soil.....”

L359. There is a typo in Eliyas

L390-391. References for citations Baker and Pilbeam, 2007, Hiltunen and White, 2002 does not appear in the reference list.

L425. Suggest changing “nutrient levels” to “soil nutrient levels”

References

L491. “Agrios, G.N.....” is not cited in the text

Double-check other references for any inconsistency.

Citation groups should be listed either first alphabetically, then chronologically, or vice versa.