

Comments to the Author:

Topical Editor Decision: Publish subject to minor revisions (review by editor)

I am happy with the revisions made by the authors. Some minor edits to consider in the abstract. I find the use of the word 'rare' on line 20 inappropriate...maybe it's semantics. On line 24, the authors define N and P, which were previously mentioned before being defined. Additionally, other chemical compounds e.g. CH₄ and N₂O are mentioned without defining. I suggest you define all, or assume that the readership of the journal do not need those to be defined.

Author response to the Topical Editor

Dear Dr. Pauline Chivenge,

We are deeply appreciative for your time and valuable suggestions towards improvement of our manuscript (soil-2020-94). We have addressed all the comments highlighted in your communication above. We kindly invite you to see lines 20-21 and 24-26 of the revised manuscript version (with track changes turned on).

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of any further questions or information you may need about our manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Tamale