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**Title:** Network complexity of rubber plantations is lower than tropical forests for soil bacteria but not fungi.

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**Comments to the author:**

The revised manuscript has now been reviewed by one of the original reviewers. The reviewer found the MS to be improved, and scientifically sound, but has concerns about the quality of writing. I agree that the writing is currently not clear or grammatically correct in many areas of the manuscript and needs improving for an international audience before it can be accepted for publication. While the decision is minor revision, the manuscript will not be accepted if the grammatical issues are not corrected.

Examples:

Line 76 "Microbial network consists of "should be "microbial networks consist of ".

Line79 "environmental variables we interested" is not correct should be "environmental variables of interest".

These are just two examples, such issues are pervasive throughout the manuscript.

Response: On behalf of my co-authors, we appreciate Dr Ember Morrissey and Dr. Hogan very much for his positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled “Network complexity of rubber plantations is lower than tropical forests for soil bacteria but not fungi” submitted to SOIL. We have asked a native English speaker (Tim Treuer) to revise it for one more time. We believe that the writing of this paper has been greatly improved.