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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Environment & Ecology
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Title of the Manuscript:	Physico-chemical and mineral analyses by ICP-AES and AAS of soils under litter of Blighia welwitchii (Hiern) Radlk, Oncoba welwitschii (Oliv.) Gilgn, Zanthoxylum gilletii (De wild) and Harungana madagascariensis Lam. ex Poir. in Luki Biosphere Reserve, DR Congo.
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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write
		his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	 Please translate the notes in Image 1 into English. The sampling methods should be detailed. i.e. How many soil carrots were collected in each sampling plot? How many plots were selected under each plant site? What's the sampling area? Did the sampling plots in each area be taken randomly? Was mineral analysis for soil or the plant? Why 0.3 g of plant powder was analysed in 2.2.3? The significance of the study should be further discussed. Especially the significance of mineral analysis and its application in ecology. 	
Minor REVISION comments	 Comma and decimal were mixed in the manuscript. It would be better to combine the Figure 2~5 into one figure and the Figure 6~9 into another one. 	
Optional/General comments	 It seemed that the names of four plant were mentioned too many times in the manuscript. It is suggested that some updated references should be cited. 	

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