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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	The manuscript represents a valuable study on distribution and diversity of Trichoderma fungus species in several soil types in Kenya. Experimental data are presented consistently with the manuscript text and clear conclusions are stated. However, I have several comments on the manuscript in its present form. The manuscript can only be published after correction of the following points: Comments: 1/ In Materials and methods, definitions or at least relevant references should be provided to the ecological terms used in the study such as "Trichoderma species mean abundance", "Trichoderma species richness", "Trichoderma species mean Shannon index" - these terms should be explained in Materials and methods or at least relevant references should be provided. 2/ In Figures 3 to 10, only mean values are presented without any statistical treatment. In Material and methods, the authors stated that all data were subjected to ANOVA analysis, Fisher's LSD test ($P < 0.05$). The results of ANOVA, LSD test should be shown in the figures. Comments: Mistakes (English language and grammar): Introduction, line 65: Insert a space between the words "terpenoid phytoalexins" Line 66: Use "on" instead of "of" in the sentence "...has effects on soil." Line 68: Insert "to" in the sentence "According to Okoth..."	



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	Line 75: Correct the spelling of “form” to “from” in the sentence “...with those from undisturbed lands.” Materials and methods, line 82: Insert a comma after the words “Under rain-fed agriculture,...” Line 88: Insert a space between the words “zone 4” Lines 93, 94 and further: Insert a space between a number and a corresponding unit in “3 m”, “6 m”, “0-20 cm”, Line 122: Insert a space between the words “and” and “35 °C” Results and Discussion, line 153: Remove the word “while” after “4.16=” Line 222: Correct the spelling in the word “Himalayas” (not “Himalyas”) Line 253: Correct the verb form “affects” to “affect” in the sentence “Bourguignon (4) demonstrated that different crops and cropping regimes affect <i>Trichoderma</i> populations.” Conclusion, line 312: Insert a dot “.” at the end of the 1st sentence.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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