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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	This manuscript analyze some aspects of sociocultural traditions in the sub-saharian and centroafrican populations. I am wonder if any quantitative data would be inserted in the manuscript to have an idea on how large is the feeling reported actually as single sentence	This is a good comment/question. However, this paper addressed the qualitative section of the study in question and intends to develop a manuscript for the quantitative strand; as such did not see the need to insert quantitative data but instead focus on the qualitative element. However because another reviewer mentioned the need for quantitative summary, this has now been done.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Some words are misspelled. Would be interesting to know if there is any difference between different villages or ethnics	Have gone through the manuscript and edited the ones I could find. Re. difference between ethnics and villages the answer largely no – there is not that much of a difference. This is because all the borderpoint districts have an influx of refugees from the surrounding countries and most have nearly similar cultures e.g. on the issue of eating monkeys – it was mentioned as something mostly done by refugees from Congo (formerly Zaire) and all the districts mentioned it, including Kiryandongo which is abit geographically distant from the other 3 districts. I hope this answers the reviewer's comment (?)



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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Present manuscript is not really a research article probably needs to be assessed for a different journal section.	I believe this is an administrative action/decision not entirely for authors to decide (?)
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