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Type of the Article	Case study

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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	1) What about the forest land ownership in Kenya and forest types. Give a brief idea for global readers. 2) Discuss Farm Forestry ownership rights – procedure of determining a particular forest area for a particular group of people. 3) Procedure of a Farm Forestry group formation. Number of members, selection of members, government department(s) role and initiatives, if there is any. 4) Mention total number of individual farmer, FFG, FFN, Farm Forestry input suppliers, FFP traders, for Tharaka, Mbeere, Kitui. It will help to understand the percentage of each stakeholder is covered during data collection/ fieldwork. Total sample size was 466 out of (total population, mention for different related stakeholders)? 5) In terms of 'Family Size' for first sentence pls put references (with Kenyan context). For e.g., 'It is often postulated that...'. What about the findings of previous research? 6) Figure 3 is too big and complicated too. Simplify it if possible. 7) In Table 8 'Tree Nursery Input Suppliers Constraints', points are all quite common and straight forward in context of any other developing/ under developed countries. What about new/ different in this case? 8) Same for Table 10	• Forestland ownership has been discussed in the introduction (pg 2, ln 65-71) • Currently there is no specific criteria for FFG formation in Kenya. However, any organised farmers group having >20 members and were involved in farm forestry were classified as FF group in this study. • The role Kenya Forestry Service (KFS) and other FF initiative in the study areas has been highlighted in the introduction (pg2 ln 77-85 and ln 95-101). • Figure 3 has been revised and made simpler • For clarity data from tables 2,3,4,5,6 and Figure 1 have been merged to and data summarized in Table 1 while data from Table 7,8,9,10 and figure 4 summarised and results presented in Table 3 and 4 • The total number of different FFE operators and sample size is summarised in table 1.
Minor REVISION comments	1) In Abstract, 2nd paragraph, it has been mentioned that 'From the analysis in the table above...', but there is no table before the paragraph.	• The abstract has been reworked for clarity • The word is 'fuel wood' not 'wood fuel' has been corrected throughout the text



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	2) The word is 'fuel wood' not 'wood fuel'. 3) In Table 6 'more than 20 acre' delete 'three'. Check other Tables and Graphs as well if there is any similar mistake. 4) Mention data source for all tables, graph and figures.	• Data sources for all tables and figures and graphs have correctly been included in the manuscript
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	1) Qualitative analysis using SPSS software is bit strange. 2) Need references in support of important comments made throughout the draft. 3) Area geographic map would be useful to identify the research area.	• This has been corrected in the manuscript (pg5 ln206-209) • References have been included see the manuscript and reference section • Full description of the study areas has been added in the materials and method section