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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Maingi and Marsh (2006) and Adam <i>et al.</i> (2007) used the relative basal area in order to calculate the IVI, then it's important to include it [Importance Value Index (IVI) = relative frequency + relative density + relative basal area].  Check the general formatting of the manuscript such as line spacing.	While I agree with the submission of the reviewer, you can as well calculate without the basal area.  The general formatting checked
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	It is recommended:  -Don't use words presented at the title as a key word. -Include the accuracy of the sampling. -Use the captions outside the figures. -If you to use Hill numbers to characterize the species diversity your paper will be more current and robust [CHAO, A. et al. Rarefaction and extrapolation with Hill numbers: a framework for sampling and estimation in species diversity studies. Ecological Monographs, v.84, n.1, p.45-67, 2014].	- such words used in title are removed from key word -all other comments noted and addressed
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	In the discussion: at the last paragraph, it's mentioned "The horizontal and vertical structures of the forest as revealed..." I believe you used the term "vertical" by force of habit, because I haven't found none vertical structure analysis, if this is the case just remove it.	_ the vertical aspect removed

**PART 2:**

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