

Reviewer César Jiménez-Rodríguez suggested that we “remove the figure 4 (root distribution-Page 1736, line 18) and replace it with a table, in this way you will show in a better way the sampling procedure and you will skip any wrong assumption in respect to the root biomass distribution”

We have therefore taken your suggestion regarding the units and incorporated these with his suggestion regarding the table view:

Table 3. Dry root mass per unit volume of soil along a 1.0 m soil profile at the Peat Swamp Forest and Dune Forest sites.

Depth (m)	Dune Forest site (g m <sup>-3</sup> )	Peat Swamp Forest site (g m <sup>-3</sup> )
0.005	18.7	7.5
0.250	2.6	1.3
0.500	0.3	1.2
1.000	0.1	0.6