

## ***Interactive comment on “Carbon stocks and dynamics at different successional stages in an Afromontane tropical forest” by Brigitte Nyirambangutse et al.***

### **Anonymous Referee #2**

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This study reports measurements of biomass pools in early and late successional tropical montane forests in Rwanda, Africa. The data in this manuscript is an important addition to the very sparse data on carbon stocks in African montane forests. The manuscript reports biomass pools and relative growth rates and compares early to late successional forests. This study adds to our knowledge of biomass storage during succession in tropical montane forests. The methods are well described and the analysis is appropriate. The manuscript is clearly and concisely written. I recommend publication and I only have very minor comments as detailed below.

### Minor comments

Page 4. A map showing the study area might be useful for the reader.

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Page 4. Do you have information on the slope of the plots? If so, it would be useful to include.

Page 4. Do you have an idea of the major cause of disturbance at the studied plots? It would be useful to comment on this. Is the disturbance likely natural or anthropogenic?

Table 1. Minor formatting issues in the “Properties” column.

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