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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment The paper is important to determine indicators that explain the spatial distribution of species in Pernambuco forests	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	The objectives of the research are clear and precise. The plots for soil sampling should coincide with the plots for the evaluation of species, in size they do not coincide and it is not clear if they are the same spatially. The PCA analysis that is cited between the chemical attributes and the species is not shown in the results. The presentation of the results and their analysis is very clear.	We clarified in the material and methods how the soil sampling was performed. The samples were concentrated where the natural regeneration phytosociology was carried out. PCA was only performed to discard variables with lower vector loads. So we only consider soil attributes SB, (H + Al), Mg^{2+} , K^{+} , $CEC_{potential}$, V (%) and m (%), and the species <i>B. rubescens</i> , <i>T. mangle</i> , <i>A. dolichocarpa</i> , <i>P. arachouchini</i> , <i>C. densifolia</i> , <i>T. retusa</i> , <i>I. capitata</i> , and <i>P. heptaphyllum</i>
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	It would be important to clarify the materials and methods on everything related to the collection of soil samples and plots for the evaluation of species, as well as to incorporate all the analyzes carried out (PCA).	Answered above.