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Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JGEESI_100414</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Relationships between Land Use Changes and Benthic Macroinvertebrates' Community Structure in an East African Riverine Environment.</b>
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