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A Response to Welch’s Review of “Urihi A: A Terra-Floresta Yanomami”


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The review by James R. Welch of the book *Urihi a: a terra-floresta Yanomami* (Ethnobiology Letters 2010, 1:18-19) is entirely justified in its positive tone. It acknowledges the excellent anthropological and biological work among the Yanomami by its two main authors. Unfortunately, the reviewer has overlooked the existence and contribution of a third author without whom the essential linguistic component of the work would not have been possible. The linguist is classified as a "with" author, but her name is appropriately mentioned on the cover and on the title page of the book and forms an integral part of its bibliographical description. Another aspect of the book that went unnoticed is the fact that it is a revised and translated version of a Kew Gardens publication in English. The reviewer might be excused for the latter oversight, since this English version from 1999 is mentioned rather inconspicuously on the bibliographical page (4) of the Portuguese version. On the table in front of me are two largely identical books on the ethnobiological classification of the environment of the Yanomami. The relevant bibliographical references are:
