



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	American Journal of Experimental Agriculture
Manuscript Number:	2014_AJEA_13243
Title of the Manuscript:	Low concentrations of humic substances enhanced the growth of Lactucasativa L.

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The authors did a good job of correct of paper, but, just have some recommendation for them. - Please give a clear sentences about the population of each replicate, you wrote there are twelve replicates, each replicate is one plant? It is not correct statically. - The authors use capital letter inside the sentences such as following one "As shown in Table 2, there was only one perished plant, occurred under Treatment 5. And Treatment 6 had the longest, followed by Treatment 2, Treatments 1 and 5, and - Treatments 3 and 4." - There is no answer about the plant tissue analysis to discuss the results by right way.	-We had 4 replicates of 3 plants, randomly selected from each growing unit (each treatment). We analyzed individually for each replicate. Then, we analyzed again for each treatment. We found that results on the treatment level were more informative and less complicated to present. Results on the replicate levels were available but were not shown in this manuscript. -Fixed. All unnecessary capitals were replaced, i.e. treatment xx, "on", and "off". We kept capitals on Table xx and Product HA as they referred to titles or names. - We did not do plant tissue analysis (i.e. nutrients uptake), as it was beyond the scope of this work. Our present evaluation was limited to physical measurements. This recommendation would greatly be considered in our next experiments.