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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Chapter 4 is too short (discussion is missing!) – must be extended . Please highlight how your results converge to other scientists results (water – rain during the production period is very important in soil management worldwide). Now you summarize only your research result	We added more information in the discussion section to make it comparable to other scientists results
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	How your results can be extended with the question of tillage systems? (Crop rotation and the changes in soil structure.) The verbal analyses of the correlation examination could be more precise. (Like the meaning difference between average and medium values.	We added more explanation of the correlation analysis. We also added more discussion on proposing alternative cropping systems and potential changes to soil structure.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The description of the filed research is correct	We appreciate this comment.