



**SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1**

**PART 1:**

Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Plant &amp; Soil Science</a>
Manuscript Number:	2014_IJPSS_13067
Title of the Manuscript:	An understory comparison of the exotic PhellodendronamurenseRupr. (RUTACEAE) and adjacent native canopy species in an urban and suburban woodland

**PART 2:**

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<p>The authors did not really address any of the comments associated with the statistics in my previous review; rather, they attempted to hide the fact that analyses were done incorrectly by eliminating information such as F-values and degrees of freedom. Thus, transparency remains an issue. Further, what analyses were done should be provided in the materials and methods, &amp; not first presented in results. This is unfortunate as the paper has promise &amp; potentially important information. Please also clean up the many typos throughout. My stance on this manuscript has not changed from my previous review.</p> <p>It was unfortunate that the authors made very limited changes to the original document. Those that were made did little to improve clarity.</p>	<p><b>I have changed the method entirely in the revision and acknowledged this in my earlier comments. I apologize for the confusion.</b></p> <p><b>I have added this to the materials and methods and highlighted it. I was not attempting to hide anything; I only placed it in the results only in an attempt to keep the paper length to a minimum. An additional reviewer reporting only the t-test p value, I will replace df.</b></p> <p><b>Thank You.</b></p>