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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The manuscript provides useful data on the effect of different ratios of egusi melon intercrop on maize productivity as well as soil basic physical and chemical characteristics. The data are presented clearly and clear conclusions are formulated. I have only a few comments on the manuscript: 1/ In Materials and methods, a description of statistical evaluation, i.e., statistical software used and statistical methods used for evaluation of significant differences shown in Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5, is missing. It has to be added both in materials and emthods as well as in the corresponding table legends (not just thresholds for P values, but also specification of the statistical test used, e.g., ANOVA, LSD 0.05 test, etc.). Minor formal comments: Abstract, lines 9 and 10: Insert a space between a number and a corresponding unit in "600 kg/ha" and "1000 kg/ha" Line 58: There should be written "physical... and chemical characteristics" and the symbol for "pH" has to be corrected. Regarding references - the references are numbered	



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