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PART 1:

Journal Name:	American Journal of Experimental Agriculture
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Title of the Manuscript:	IMPACT OF CROPPING RATIOS OF MAIZE (zea mays)-EGUSI MELON (Colocynthis citrullus) AND NPK FERTILIZER ON SOIL PRODUCTIVITY RATING OF AN ULTISOL IN EDO STATE, NIGERIA.
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The manuscript has been significantly improved by the authors and it is now suitable for publication. However, I still have several important comments on the manuscript which have to be corrected prior to its publication. 1/ The references in the manuscript text are numbered; however, in the reference list, only authors' names without any numbers are given. 2/ There are several formal mistakes in the manuscript text which have to be corrected prior to the manuscript publication. Abstract, lines 15, 16: Insert a comma before and after the word "respectively" Abstract, line 29: Add a noun after the word "economic" at the end of the sentence, i.e., "economic purpose" Materials and methods, lines 55, 74, 75: Insert a space between a number and a corresponding unit in "30 cm", "75 cm x 90 cm," "16.2 m²", etc. Lines 61, 73, 92, 93, 151, 168, 179: Insert a comma before and after the word "respectively" Line 100: I think that only Table 3 should be cited here. Line 107: Remove "of" in the Table 1 heading "Table 1: Soil productivity of maize in sole and intercrop with egusi-melon." Discussion, line 142: Insert a space between a number and a corresponding unit in "0 kg/ha" Lines 144, 157: Insert "an" before the word "indicative", i.e., "...which was an indicative that..." Line 146: Remove the words "for this" in the sentence "...as nutrients were still available in the soil." Line 162: Insert a space between the symbols "N" and "P" Line 183: Insert a space between the number and the corresponding unit in "1000 kg/ha" Lines 191, 193, 199, 202: Remove "the" before the term "egusi melon". Conclusion, line 206: Rephrase the sentence as follows: "The higher ratios of egusi melon with maize intercrop did not deplete the soil nutrients and thus they are favoured to be used for further soil productivity as nutrients were still available in the soil."	

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