

Editorial comments:

The revised manuscript submitted needs further revisions especially the presentation. I am attaching herewith my comments and the annotated manuscript.

The manuscript has been revised on the suggested lines. However, from the annotated manuscript you could see that the manuscript still needs revision. The presentation may be optimized a more focused structure. Furthermore, shorter sentences would improve clarity and comprehensibility. I had made some changes directly on the manuscript. Some of the pending issue with the manuscript are as follows:

1. Remove the descriptions on the study locations in the abstract and just mention the locations.
2. Indicate in the duration of the experiment in the methods.
3. Provide the soil types based on standard classification.
4. Method for measuring Mn is missing.
5. 'Foliar' is again misspelt as 'Folia' at many places.
6. There are redundancies in the discussion which should be modified.
7. Delete table 9 and incorporate the relevant information in the text.

Authors' feedback:

The manuscript has been revised on the suggested lines, also all the suggested corrections have been effected accordingly. The Table 9 has been removed from the write-up.

I hope that the article can be accepted now to go to print.

Thank you for the assistance and support giving.