

Editorial comments

- 1) The objectives of the work are lacking in the introduction
- 2) The text is written in rather poor English. Revise the whole manuscript by an-English speaking person. Examples of mistakes: “manurin” (p 44), “a widely known practice has been found” (add THAT before *has found*), “physio” (p 98), phrases in pages 75 to 77 are wrong and difficult to understand (“in planted”, “was purely”).
- 3) In page 96, the authors say they will measure “grains per ear”, and this phrase is repeated all along the text (pages 129, 130, 138, legends to table 2 and figure 1, and so on). What does the word “ear” mean for the authors? Is it a wrong spelling of “year”? Later in the text, they speak about “ear weight”, are they referring to “dry weigh”? I cannot understand what they are measuring.
- 4) In the M&M section (page 81), authors say they have inoculated all legume plants with “proper Rhizobia”. I think they must clear how this was done. For instance: Did they apply the inoculants in the seed or in the soil? Did they use native (indigenous) strain or commercial inoculants? The same strain for all legumes? Please make this clearer.
- 5) Reference list: The same citation style for all references. There are some references where the year is put at the end. I think that the year must be put just after the authors’ names, and before the name of the manuscript. Check the citation rules for this journal.
- 6) Minor corrections: add dS.m^{-1} instead of dsm-1 (table 1), define EC in its first entry (p 100). “Organic matter is the life of soil” (p40), rather poetic, but it’s meaning must be cleared

Author’s Feedback

the manuscript is read carefully and made some minor correction. Ear mean Cob with grain. legumes seeds were treated with native rhizobia. Ec is electrical conductivity.