

Editorial comments:

I have reviewed the article and made some corrections. Overall, I do have questions about experimental design. First of all, the study was conducted over a two-year period which is normally not enough to have conclusive data...each year we are dealing with a given set of circumstances and it is always good practice to have at least three-year data with the idea that in three years we might have two with similar conditions thus allowing for more credible conclusions.

The other observation is that it would have been really more objective to have had a treatment with only inorganic/chemical fertilizer as a control. In addition to monitored parameters, I would have included tests to determine soil bio-diversity before the treatments and following the treatment to see the level of impact various fertilizers have on the soil bio-components.

Soil test is great to get an idea of what nutrients are present in the substrate, to determine pH, cation exchange capacity, potential availability, etc. but not necessarily to monitor what is the plants response to the treatment. For that, tissue/leaf analysis is a better option. It provides a snap-shut of nutritional levels within the plant at that moment of the season...Combination of soil test and tissue analysis is a standard for monitoring nutrient levels within the plant and manage nutritional/fertilizer needs.

I would strongly recommend that author expands his research and provides answers to additional questions. Subject matter is very interesting but at this point I would view it as **preliminary research**.

Author's feedback:

I am highly thankful to Respected Editor for making reasonable changes which I have I incorporated in my final version.