

Editor's comments:

The revised manuscript 'Effects of lime and nitrogen rates on properties of an acid soil and nutrient content of sugarcane leaves under sugarcane-soybean intercropped in Kenya' (Manuscript number: 2016_AJEA_28153) has taken care of all the suggestions raised by the reviewers. Nevertheless, from the annotated manuscript you can find that some modifications are still necessary before the manuscript could be accepted for publications. I had incorporated the changes (marked in purple/highlighted in green) in the annotated manuscript, which I hope will improve the presentation.

Author's feedback:

Note: the line numbers are as per version two. The line numbers differ in version 3 emailed. Also note in version 3, the line numbers have skipped from line 58 in page 2 to line 83 however the flow from page 2 to page 3 is in order

The author acknowledge and appreciate the corrections made towards improving the article. The author has addressed the comments as indicated below with reference to the text and line number:

Most citations in pages 2, 3 and 4 is indicated by figures in brackets with regard to the reference e.g. line 17 and 18 has...[2]...[3,4]. This unlike citation in the rest of the pages which is indicated by the name of the first author and also by figures in brackets with regard to the reference e.g. line 39...Alexander[6], line 110.. Jaetzold et al. [8],. I am therefore in a dilemma how to address the issue. Please advice.

Line 75 – deleted ??? as shown in yellow highlight

Line 117 – how should I cite the reference? Number alone or name and number?

Line 138 – superscript the numbers

Line 178 – replaced booker with Landon since it is the right citation vis a vis the reference

Caption and footnotes for tables 2 to 9 and also tables 12 to 17 have been corrected as per the comment R6 and R7 in line 263, page 12.

Line 350 – response to the question is that, the error bars indicate the magnitude of the difference among the treatment means for parameter soil pH and available P. It is derived from table 10.

Inserted the sub section on Acknowledgment shown in line 501 to 510 highlighted in yellow .