

Editor's comments:

- The title of manuscript needs to be corrected. Because there is no data about plant characteristics
- Ashraf et al., in which one of the referees wants to be removed, "a" in the 2016a literature has not been removed
- In introduction; Agboola and Tijani-Eniola, 1991. In reference list : Agboola and Tijani-Eniola, 1993. Should be checked
- In introduction: In the sentence "Keeping all these aspects in consideration, the present study was therefore conducted to evaluate the effects of inorganic and manures on growth and yield of maize and to assess their residual impacts on soil chemical and microbiological properties", "on growth and yield of maize" words should be removed from the text. Because there is no data about plant characteristics.
- "Plant in pots treated with urea did not have significant difference from plants not treated without urea on nitrogen, phosphorus and organic carbon" sentence must be replaced with "Plants in pots treated with urea did not have significant difference from plants not treated urea on nitrogen, phosphorus and organic carbon"
- The sentences "Plants in pots with 0 t/h compost were significantly lower than plants in pots with 10 t/h and plants in pots with 20 t/h compost. In the interaction between urea and compost, urea + 0 t/h compost was significantly less than urea + 10t/h compost and urea + 20 t/h compost. Also in the interaction between non urea and compost, non urea + t/h compost was significantly less than non urea + 10 t/h compost and non urea + 20 t/h compost. Plants in pots that contained urea did not have significant difference from plants not treated without urea" in the text of table 5 should be removed from the text. They were written twice.
- "There correlation" in line 199 should be corrected with "The correlation"
- The RSW in Table 6 must be corrected as FSW
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Author's feedback:

I have judiciously worked on the manuscript and effected all the corrections as pointed out by the final evaluator.

I wish and hope that the manuscript is now ready for publication.

Hope to get final acceptance now.