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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Introduction, The description of study area is OK but are these locations suffered from soil erosion (what is the slope of that area?) problem? If interaction is significant, (eg, BD; line 151) – how can you say that the reduction of bulk density is due to application of PM. If it is significant it may be due to cropping system effect or particle size re-distribution effect (top soil removal)...Please go for detail statistical analysis for such significant interaction.	Please refer to Figure 1 (line 159 – 162). The significant interaction is between topsoil removal and amendments which include the application of PM. The figure show significant lower BD with the application of PM compared with inorganic fertilizers
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Overall, The article is nice and the way of writing is also appreciated. It is OK for publication after this minor correction.	