

Editor's Comment:

I have reviewed the comments from reviewers, the response of the authors and the revised manuscript.

I found the authors have addressed all the comments of the reviewers and made revision to the manuscript. The revised manuscript is clear now but few writings are suggested to improve.

- (1) Line 85 The sentence may be incomplete.
- (2) Table is suggested to delete because all data in the table have been cited in the text line 87-89.
- (3) In table, "Ph" should be "pH". The unit cmol/kg should follow each parameter.
- (4) For table 2 and table 3, the structures should be redesigned following the standard of "three line table" rules.
- (5) For references, I suggest add the most recent references and pay much attention to the format of reference editing.

Author's Feedback:

- (1) The sentence in line 85-87 reads "Fertilizer was applied in split form; the compound (NPK) was applied at 2 weeks after planting (WAP) and urea was later top dressed at 4 WAP." This sentence appears complete.
- (2) Table has been deleted as the information therein are cited text line 89-92 [The chemical properties of the poultry (PM) manure applied had pH (H₂O) of 6.90, while organic carbon content and total nitrogen were 18.30 and 1.67 g kg⁻¹ Exchangeable K and Ca were 2.72 and 11.60 cmol kg⁻¹ while available P was 4.88 (Table 1)., therefore, the Table has been deleted.]
- (3) In Table 1, Ph has been corrected as pH The unit cmol/kg now follows each parameter on the Table [Ca (cmol/kg) K (cmol/kg) Mg (cmol/kg) CEC (cmol/kg)].
- (4) Tables 2 and 3 have been redesigned following the standard of "three line table" rules
- (5) All references cited/listed are relevant to the study and are in line with the format of reference editing.