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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	Topic "20:10:10" should be removed from topic. The topic should be " Response of cassava and sesame to different levels of NPK fertilizer application under intercropping system in Makurdi, Nigeria Abstract Line 10: sentence should not start with number "400 kg/ha" Introduction Line 22, create a space between "Pedalaceae" and "which". Third paragraph starting with "Cassava/sesame intercrop" and ending with "improved intercrop production" has no citations on it, please add citation on that paragraph. Materials and methods <u>2.1. Study location and crop varieties</u> It should be "Description of study location" and crop varieties should be another subheading. Line 7, which starts with "It is located between" the whole sentence should be rephrased, it does not make sense. Line 8, sentence should not start with number "30/70". <u>2.2. Experimental design, experimental area and treatments</u> The last sentence of last paragraph should be "each treatment plot" not each treatment plots. <u>2.3. Cultural practices</u> Line 3, remove full stop between "2015" and "in both seasons". Results and discussion 3.1. Growth and yield of cassava Line 8, remove "etc". Line 9, monocropping should be one word, not two words "mono cropping". Second paragraph starting with "Cassava growth and yield", the sentence should not start with a number "400 kg/ha". Conclusion Line 5, sentence on the location is not clear and did not give any conclusion about location. The whole sentence should be rephrased to sound better. References The whole reference list is not consistent in terms of format e.g. In first reference, the symbol "&" was used instead of "and" as indicated in reference 2 and the rest. Authors decided to write reference list starting with surname followed by initials. Reference starting with "Iwo" and "Malik", in the middle surname are not coming first like in other reference list.	Noted.
Minor REVISION comments	Authors should rectify citation writing in the text. For example "et al" should not have comma if it is on the beginning or middle of the sentence. Conclusion should be expanded to cover other factors of the study. All tables should be at the end including table 1. For the whole of the article, there should be spacing between surname of author and "et al".	
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