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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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	<p>Topic: The Effects of Organic Acid Application in Soil on Extractable P and Eggplant (<i>Solanum melongena</i>) Yield</p> <p>Subject Appropriateness of the Manuscript The topic of this manuscript falls within the scope of the Journal.</p> <p>Detailed comments to the author This study investigated two LMWOAs, including oxalic and citric acid. The ability to mineralize fixed P in soils and the effects on production of eggplant when compared to conventional triple superphosphate fertilizer (TSP) was studied in this manuscript.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The English of the manuscript is not very good. It needs some modifications by a native English speaker. 2. There are so many informal English words in the manuscript, such as "Soil tests of the Houston Black soil" in the abstract. All the informal words should be modified into formal ones. 3. More organic acids need to be studied to investigate the Effects of Organic Acid Application in Soil on Extractable P and Eggplant (<i>Solanum melongena</i>) Yield 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- We find this a curious comment as we are native English speakers as a first language. Possibly this lends itself to some laxity in formality and we have addressed the comments here. 2- We revised the issues to the best of our knowledge 3- We do concur that more organic acids should be investigated, however time is a limitation for any study and with a total of a 140 pots and 3 tests each at 45 minutes per test there were more than 500 hours invested in the study, not including the prep, analysis and manuscript development. Therefore the available time was a major constraint for testing more acids. We will be continuing this line with additional acids and concentrations. Thank you again for seeing the importance of more research on the topic.
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<u>Optional/General</u> comments		