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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		
	- This work can be considered a previous	
	experiment to a real investigation. A serious	
	research work should be based on a study with two	
	or three different samples of soil texture and	
	composition. It must also contain two or three	
	different levels of fertilization. There is an error in	
	the design of the experiment.	
	- The author tries to compare animal urine with	
	mineral fertilization. You can not compare a level	
	of 100LNha-1 of organic fertilizer with 0LNha-1,	
	but with 100LNha-1 of mineral fertilizer.	
	- The author does not indicate the criteria for	
	picking the urine of these animals from other like	
	sheep, cows, pigs, etc.	
	- The author also shows how the three urine	
	samples from different animals are analytically	
	almost equal.	
	- Table 1-	
	If used urine samples do not contain urea or	
	ammonia, total nitrogen must be in the form of	
	nitrate. This parameter should have analyzed	
	- Table 2-	
	Fertilization increases the level of soil salts. Soil	

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	salinity before and after treatment should have been studied -Table 3 The significant differences between treatments should be indicated with different letters. It should be noted the range of error or to present the results as graphs	
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments	All results are predictable without having done this experiment, including the washing metals is greater in the control due to its lower salt content	

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