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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	<p>Please check journal's website: Different sub-sections should be used.</p> <p>Ln 6 Phosphorus (P) and M m micronutrients...</p> <p>Ln 7 – you use the British spelling centre, but in the title you use the American spelling center. Check with journal, but I think American is used. This should be done throughout the paper. (See tables).</p> <p>Ln 11 – The experimental a design....</p> <p>Ln 13 - .. silty caly loam.. I presume you meant clay or clayey?</p> <p>Ln 14 - ...were added as either monocalcium....</p> <p>Ln 16 – 25 °C (no space)</p> <p>Ln 22 – C-calcareous (common name, thus small letter) Mehlich 3... (space)</p> <p>Wrong reference style. From the journal's website: References must be listed at the end of the manuscript and numbered in the order that they appear in the text. Every reference referred in the text must also present in the reference list and vice versa. In the text, citations should be indicated by the reference number in brackets [3].</p> <p>Ln 50- "studies" cannot argue. I suggest: However, some researchers argue that...</p> <p>Ln 51 - ... which is related to CaCO₃ (space after 'to')</p> <p>Ln 53 – Borrero in text, Borrero in reference list.</p> <p>Ln 65 – space after: 2000). They...</p> <p>Ln 73 – You have to report everything in past tense since it has been done.</p> <p>Ln 73 – I do understand that this project is still ongoing, but you cannot report on something that you haven't done. Everything you report should be in the past tense (since what you haven't done yet, cannot be part of the report?) Maybe consider changing your title to something like: "Preliminary results: Testing selected soils from"</p> <p>Ln 76 – space after 1). To determine....</p> <p>Ln 80 – maybe you need to say something of the climate and rainfall of your sampling sites? What about the topography?</p> <p>Ln 82 - Four soil samples were collected... Soil samples were air</p>	



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	<p>dried....</p> <p>Ln 83 – 90. Not necessary to go into details of the laboratory and its equipment. Just mention that the analyses were conducted at the soil fertility laboratory of the Bamyán University. Name the different tests and refer to them in the normal manner in your reference list.</p> <p>I also think you should add the GPS coordinates of the sites where the soil samples were collected – not everyone is familiar with the geography of your country.</p> <p>Ln 91-96 – change to past tense</p> <p>Ln 96 – reference to which statistical program you used.</p> <p>Ln 101 – The soils[†] initial total P...mg kg⁻¹ (Table 1).</p> <p>Ln 103 - ... ranged from silty clay loam.... (common name)</p> <p>Ln 110 – I don't understand. Soils 1 (space) and 2 were similar, but different from soil 2 and 4? Or did you mean 3?</p> <p>Ln 112 – Even though soils 1 (space) and 2 ... responded similarly in to P application...initial soil test P levels....</p> <p>Ln 122 – what did the P value changed from? Or with?</p> <p>Ln 124 ... (1990) suggested that... (past tense)</p> <p>Ln 140 The slope and intercepts were different from rate zero (or: from 0 mg kg⁻¹ P). Check the journal's website:</p> <p><i>P</i> is always italicized and capitalized. Correct expression: (<i>P</i> = .05). Wrong Expression: (<i>P</i> < .05), unless <i>P</i> < .001.</p> <p>Ln 144 ... less than in soils 1 and 2 (common name and space)</p> <p>Ln 145 ... soils 3 and 4 had lower (lesser if you cannot measure it; lower if you can) initial soil test P values than soils 1 and 2.</p> <p>Ln 159 – You will have to check with the journal, but I think that Recommendations (you have more than one, so plural) should be in paragraph form.</p> <p>Ln 160- ..soil is low, so it is recommended to</p>	
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	<p>Ln 163 ... fertilizers highly increase ing the efficiency...</p> <p>Table 1 –... selected properties (common name, small letter) centre or center? Also Ln 177, 181 (last one small letter).</p> <p>Ln 181 I n this instance I would recommend writing out four soils (not 4 soils) since the number can be confusing next to the Mehlich 3. Also – what does MSE (root MSE) stand for? Explain.</p> <p>Ln 210 – Ramirez is not in text.</p>	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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