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Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Plant &amp; Soil Science</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJPSS_43027
Title of the Manuscript:	Effects of Neem-Based Organic Fertilizer, NPK and their Combinations on Soil Properties and Growth of Okra (Abelmoschus esculentus) in a Degraded Ultisol of Calabar, Nigeria.
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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p><b>Originality</b></p> <p><b>Relevance</b></p> <p>The manuscript is original and relevant.</p> <p>The introduction states the problem and highlights steps Material and methods are well structured and discussion are well referenced. Each tables needs to be rearranged in order to fit on one page However, references in the text could not be checked into the list. Minor correction is necessary.</p>	The table arrangement was to ensure that the values in each column and row are not distorted. However, the tables in the article followed accurate numbering.
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>On line 11 the term: on a degraded <b>ultisols</b> in Calabar..., must be replaced with on a degraded <b>ultisoi</b>l in Calabar.</p> <p>On line 16, the term.... were influenced significantly (<math>P &lt; 0.05</math>) <b>60 90 kg</b> <math>\text{Nha}^{-1}</math> NPK+ <b>60 90 kg</b> <math>\text{Nha}^{-1}</math> Neem... must be clarified.</p> <p>On line 108, the term.... the ratio of 1:2.5 (20 g of soil to 50ml <b>Of</b> distilled <math>\text{H}_2\text{O}</math>), must be replaced with... the ratio of 1:2.5 (20 g of soil to 50ml <b>of</b> distilled <math>\text{H}_2\text{O}</math>)....</p> <p>On line 116 the term: ... with ethylene diamine tetra-<b>acetate</b>.<b>The</b> neem based organic, must be replaced with... with ethylene diamine tetra-<b>acetate</b>. <b>The</b> neem based organic ....</p> <p>On line 125, the term: ... ratings given <b>by [13]</b> ., must be replaced with... ratings given by <b>[13]</b>.</p> <p>On table 1, the term:... <b>Cmol(+)kg<sup>-1</sup></b> ....., must be replaced with... <b>Cmol (+) kg<sup>-1</sup></b> .... ....<b>Note Table to on the same page</b></p> <p>On line 170, the term: ... organic matter <b>content of</b> through the application must be replaced with... organic matter <b>content</b> through the application ....</p> <p>On line 177, the term.... with findings of <b>[20]</b> <b>who</b> reported, must be replaced with...with findings of <b>[20]</b> <b>who</b> reported....</p>	The various errors spotted by the reviewers were typographical and have been corrected according to the numbering. The reference have been included on lines 297 thru 299.



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	<p>On line 180, the term: .... by several <b>researchers</b>[6, 21,8] (., must be replaced with .....by several <b>researchers</b> [6, 21, 8].</p> <p>On line 190, the term: given by [22] that okra ....., must be replaced with... given by [22] <b>that</b> okra ....</p> <p>On line 199, the term:.... increase <b>wasobserved</b> for..., must be replaced with: increase <b>was observed</b> for ...</p> <p>On line 202, the term: several researcher<b>s</b>[23,24,25,20,3] <b>that</b> ....., must be replaced with: several researcher<b>s</b> [23, 24, 25, 20, 3] <b>that</b> .....</p> <p>On line 204, the term: <b>value of 4.667 cmol(+)/kg</b> ....., must be replaced with: ...<b>value of 4.667 cmol (+)/kg</b> .....</p> <p>On line 260, the term:.... <b>at Ibadan.[29,30] also</b>..., must be replaced with: at <b>Ibadan. [29, 30] also</b> .....</p> <p>On lines 297 thru 299 ....the term... <b>This may be attributed to the early utilization of the applied nutrients in the development of the xylem and the cambium tissues, which plays the role of nutrient and water transportation within a plant., must have references</b></p>	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		Majorly, the errors highlighted by the reviewers were typographical. The referencing style was followed as shown in the authors guidelines

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(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)</i>
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	