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Journal Name:	International Journal of Plant & Soil Science
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Title of the Manuscript:	Response of grain Amaranth (Amaranthus hypochondriacus) to combined manure and inorganic fertilizer pellets and non-pellet application on acidic acrisols in Western Kenya
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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The article provided data related to the effect of combined manure and inorganic fertilizer pellets and non-pellet application in grain amaranth growth, development and yield in order to identify the appropriate organic and inorganic fertilizer pellet combination for grain amaranth production on acidic acrisols in Western Kenya. It is of a great interest because results provide an evidence that all the pellet fertilizer treatments had higher dry matter weight, 1000 seed weight and grain yield compared to control and non-pelleted treatments and that fertilizer combination of 75 percent Organic N and 25 percent inorganic N had the highest grain yield. However, some minor corrections must be included before its publication.	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>Abstract: Authors must precise the grain amaranth species used: <i>A. hypochondriacus</i> or <i>A. caudatus</i>. From line 1 to line 10: This part of the abstract is very long and must be reduced to 3 or 4 lines. Authors must present shortly the experimental conditions.</p> <p>Introduction References must be in []; not in ().</p> <p>Material and methods: Line 97: Write 9 t ha⁻¹ Line 153: . leaves ...of was ...: delete of References must be in []; not in ().</p> <p>Results and discussion: References must be in []; not in (). Table 1: Authors should include the ratio C/N which is important for soil fertility appreciation.</p> <p>References: Some references did not follow the instructions of the journal. For example: 4; 8; 10; 11; 13; 17; 18; 19.</p>	<p>The species has been specified as <i>A. hypochondriacus</i>. All the references have been put in []. The corrections in the materials and methods have been effected. The references have been formatted to follow referencing style of the Journal</p>
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