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| Journal Name: | Advances in Research |
| Manuscript Number: | 2014_AIR_11790 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF FOUR CONTRASTING SOILS UNDER DIFFERENT LAND USE SYSTEM |
| 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) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | <p>1-In the text authors mentioned that they have compare treatment but don't have any compare treatment.</p> <p>2-the abstract is inadequate. It contains nothing new.</p> <p>3- Most references cited are old. Please update this section and make it more engaging.</p> | <p>1. The interest of this study was on land use system and this was properly compared in the text in all the parameters studied. Table 2b and 3 compared the treatments, four soil types and two land use system were the treatments.</p> <p>Soil 1: ENSK fallow (F) and cultivated (C). Soil 2: UNSK fallow (F) and cultivated (C). Soil 3: IEh fallow (F) and cultivated (C). Soil 4: Iik fallow (F) and cultivated (C).</p> <p>2. The abstract is very adequate as it portrays the findings of the study and then proves that the age of fallow is very important in the fertility restoration in agricultural activities. Farmers in the study area are transiting from long fallow period to short fallow period due to population increase and pressure on available land for agriculture and there is need for study in this direction.</p> <p>3. The references cited are not all that old; much number of them is from 2000 to 2010. Then most importantly you cite a reference on the basis of relevance to the research and not year. Because a good research will give an indebt review of work that have been done on the related study from old to the present in order to update the reader on the extent of work that have been done on the related study and justification for the present study. I believe that is what I have done in this study.</p> |
| Minor REVISION comments | 1- Information of tables should not be repeated in the text. | 1. That is not true how will you read the text and understand the interpretations. |



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| | 2- conclusion is poorly handled. | 2. There is nothing wrong with the conclusion. It gave the summary of the findings and even recommendations to the farmers in the study area. |
| <u>Optional/General</u> comments | | |