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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<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><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments	<p>Consistent on the use of past tense in the presentation of findings.</p> <p>Population of the farmers and sample size should be indicated under methodology.</p> <p>Descriptive and inferential statistics used should be stated in the abstract and methodology.</p>	<p>I stated the results in past tense and discuss them in present tense. This is acceptable</p> <p>They were stated</p> <p>Done</p>
<b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove Lines 7-9 and start with The study examined adaptation strategies used by arable crop farmers in Atisbo Local Government Area of Oyo State, Nigeria to cope with soil degradation.</li> <li>2. Lines 13-14 should read Descriptive and inferential statistics such as .....were</li> </ol>	<p>The abstract should start with a problem statement</p> <p>Done</p>



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	<p>used to analyze data for the study.</p> <p>3. Line 20 remove and before technical knowhow</p> <p>4. Line 29 include strategies in key words</p> <p>5. Lines 43-49 provide source of the material</p> <p>6. Line 51 the different forms of chemical degradation of soil include: salinization.....</p> <p>7. Line 61 overdependence on agro-chemicals</p> <p>8. Provide sources of material for Lines 69-90</p> <p>9. Line 103 should read The study therefore seeks to examine strategies.....</p> <p>10. Lines 107-113 under specific objectives should read The specific objectives of the study were to:</p> <p>1. ascertain personal characteristics of the</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Not necessary</p> <p>Done (They are common knowledge)</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done (They are common knowledge)</p> <p>Done</p>
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	<p>farmers</p> <p>2. examine farmers' presumed causes of soil degradation in the area</p> <p>3. identify arable crop farmers' perceived effect of soil degradation</p> <p>4. ascertain soil conservation strategies adopted to control soil degradation</p> <p>5. examine trends in yields of arable crops of the farmers</p> <p>6. identify challenges to adoption of soil conservation strategies</p> <p>11. Line 121 should read The study was carried out in Atisbo Local Government Area of Oyo State, Nigeria</p>	<p>Not necessarily</p>
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	<p>12. Line 125 should read annual rainfall of between .....</p>	Done
	<p>13. Under methodology state the total population of the farmers in each of the communities and sample size selected from such population.</p>	Done
	<p>14. Line 160 should read Percentage distribution of the respondents according to their personal characteristics</p>	Not necessary
	<p>15. Crosscheck the figures you have under age, it is more than 100%.</p>	Too long
	<p>16. Lines 166-172, present the figures on the table and discuss accordingly</p>	
	<p>17. Line 175 move multiple responses to the</p>	Done



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	<p>left hand side</p> <p>18. Line 194 the strategies and not they, change they to be the</p> <p>19. Line 200 indicate multiple responses under table 4</p> <p>20. Lines 217-227 use present the figures in table 6, discuss and draw implications.</p> <p>21. Remove the serial numbers you have in Table 6.</p> <p>22. Line 243 should read This also agrees with the result of ....</p> <p>23. Where is Table 8? Renumber table 9 to be 8.</p> <p>24. Line 260 use a better word for rugged</p> <p>25. Line 270 should read conclusion and</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Not necessary</p> <p>Done</p> <p>There is no multiple response on table 4</p> <p>Not necessary</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>
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	26. Line 290 non-governmental	
	27. References – see the journal’s guide for authors.	Done
		Done
		Not necessary
		Done
<b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments	The paper is ok and publishable. I recommend that it should be published after the minor corrections.	