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PART 1:

Journal Name:	<u>American Journal of Experimental Agriculture</u>
Manuscript Number:	2013_AJEA-4733
Title of the Manuscript:	Use of organic inputs in management of Alfisols and Ultisols for sustainable maize production in western Kenya
Type of the Article	Research paper

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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <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>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Lines 48 and 96: include a reference to show that the soils are Alfisols and Ultisols	Reference inserted
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Line 19: words soil test can be replaced by soil analysis Line 114: Land preparation was done by hand (clarify, is it hand hoeing?) Line 139: Check if harvesting maize at onset of physiological maturity can give best estimates of grain yield. Line 164: words chemical composition should be replaced by soil chemical properties. Lines 292-296: This is not giving a good support to the preceding statements, as there is no reference but also in this study no micronutrients analysis was done. Lines 303-306 should be rephrased and be incorporated down the conclusion as a recommendation. The author should verify the style of referencing in the list to conform to the journal's requirements.	Line 19: Replaced as suggested Line 114: Hand-hoeing Line 139: Corrected to "harvesting of maize was done at physiological maturity indicated by development of black layer at the pedicel of 50% kernels sampled" Line 164: Replaced as suggested Lines 292-296: The statement was deleted Lines 303-306: Rephrased and taken to conclusion as a recommendation.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The paper is well written	Thank You.