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PART 1:

Journal Name:	American Journal of Experimental Agriculture
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Title of the Manuscript:	RESPONSE OF MAIZE VARIETIES (<i>Zea mays</i>) TO BIOCHAR AMENDED SOIL IN LAFIA, NIGERIA.

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Some of the comments were raised during the previous reviews and the author(s) agreed to address them. However, surprisingly the same issues are come up now and then without still being addressed. Below are raised doable issues that can make their manuscript much better and robust. 1. The manuscript does not conform according to the authors guidelines of journal e.g. format 2. The soil data given has combined all the treatments including a control after 2years. This makes difficult to isolate the effects of each treatment (i.e. biochar application) and to explain or discussion the maize responses to biochar. The author(s) need to present soil data for each plot treated with biochar. 3. Under data collection section, the author(s) need to be consistence in the use of unit of measurements in their manuscript i.e. <i>ton/ha</i> or <i>kg/ha</i> so they need to choose one and use it consistently throughout the manuscript. 4. Author(s) need to check the word usage and grammar e.g. line 154 <i>did not produced</i> should be changed to be <i>did not produce</i> 5. Table 1; @ 15cm should be changed to <i>at 15cm</i> or <i>0-15cm</i> 6. In Table 2-4; the author(s) need to include CV values and standard errors	Please, let all your reviewers always adhere to the journal guidelines when they are reviewing any manuscript. This is because the format we adopted was given to us by one of your reviewer We have provided the soil data Correction noted Correction noted We have provided the SE and CV