

In my opinion the paper 2013/BJAST/4834 contains some new information but its scientific (or should I say academic) quality, as well as the way the new material is presented is not perfect. I mean the methodological and editorial aspects of the paper are of moderate level. Anyway, I am in favour of publishing this paper in the present form, if the following editorial amendments are performed.

1. The terms: "Mass b/4 drying (W)" and "Mass after drying Ws" from tables 1-4 should be described in the text. In particular "b/4", "(W)" and "Ws" are not clear to me and so will be to other readers who are not specialists in drying technology.

2. The abbreviations such as: "SS", "df", "MS", "F", "P-value", "F crit", "Ho", "Ha" appearing in tables 5-8 should be described in the body of the paper. Again they will not be understood by non-specialist readers. Besides, "F crit" should be written in different way, i.e. "crit" should be written with subscript font without a space between "F" and "crit".

3. What ANOVA is? I would remove it from the tables 5-8. If this is a name of a brand of the measurement equipment, it can be mentioned once in the body of the paper.

Author's response:

All the comments attended to; see the yellow highlights.