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	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		
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	The paper is of scientific interest, and the topic falls within the scope of the journal. The paper is written in clear and understandable manner, material and methods are described extensively and the results are convincing. However, there some minor corrections to be done before it is considered for publication. These include: Abstract: (1) Write MDD in full as you have done with other abbreviations like CPA, CBR. (2) Key words. Do not repeat words of title Introduction: (3) You need to add a reference(s) for the first paragraph, otherwise it's like plagiarism. The statement(s) of the first paragraph can be traced in many manuscripts e.g. Effect of rice husk ash on cement stabilized laterite by Alhassan & Mustapha or Potentials of rice husk for soil stabilization by Alhassan (4) Replace the last sentence of the Introduction section with the objective statement of the study. E.g. "Therefore, the purpose of this study was to investigate the impact of Cassava Peels Ash on the stabilization of lateritic soils"	Done Not repeated Added Done



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	Materials and Methods (5) Use mathematics equation editor for the formula. Avoid use of scanned or copied formulas', they do not look good. Results and Discussion (6) Remove the vertical lines in the Tables (7) You need to re-write the result and discussion section. Do not present or repeat the figures presented in the tables in the texts. For example line 202: "The natural moisture contents samples L1, L2 and L3 are 12.1%, 13.2% and 14.8% respectively. Sample L3 has the highest natural moisture content while L1 has the lowest". This sentence can be re-written as: "The results shows that L3 has the highest natural moisture contents while L1 has the lowest (Table 1)". Conclusion (8) You need to re-write the conclusion. The conclusion should be a summary of the main ideas/results and its application/recommendation. Do not include the figures.	Done The vertical lines are alright Done Done There is no figures
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