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PART 1: 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	The English of this paper should be reviewed by a native speaker or an editing service.	We have revised the manuscript thoroughly to eliminate the errors and inadequate sentences.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	This paper would be significantly strengthened by performing sequencing of the resulting 16S amplicons using next-generation techniques (454, Illumina, PacBio, etc.) to determine the OTUs in the samples examined. In addition, while the metagenomic DNA isolation technique appears to work well for the techniques described here, the vast majority of samples are being isolated for sequencing. Verifying the suitability of these techniques for that application would be helpful.	This manuscript is mainly focused on the method for metagenomic DNA extraction from this special soil. T-RFLP was done for verifying that the protocol functions well. So, we did not include more data about the bacterial diversity. However, pyrosequencing analysis is undergoing using the same DNA samples, which will be used in a subsequent paper focused upon the bacterial diversity.