RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS COMMENTS

Reviewer 1:

- 1. The title has been modified as suggested by reviewer 3.
- 2. The revised version has taken care of the wordiness of the manuscript.
- 3. The methodology of investigation has been confirmed for its adequacy.
- 4. The disparities between tables and write-up have been adjusted. This is as a result of typographical error.
- 5. The tables are okay as presented. No need of merging, otherwise they will not capture the findings adequately.
- 6. The units of measurements and legends have been appropriately effected.
- 7. Discussions, conclusions and recommendation have been properly revised to capture the findings of the investigation.
- 8. References have been revised following the stipulated guidelines.

Reviewer 2:

- 1. The active ingredient of the cypermethrin used is stated in the work.
- 2. The scientific names of the insect pest have been confirmed okay by entomologist.
- 3. Line 54 has been properly referenced.
- 4. Suggested lines for merger and editing have been done.
- 5. The correct dimension of the plot in line 132 has been affected.
- 6. All the cited references have been listed while the listed have been cited.
- 7. The control experiment is stated in the treatment combinations.
- 8. The general grammatical and scientific errors have been properly addressed.

Reviewer 3:

- 1. The title has been restructured as suggested.
- 2. All necessary words merging and editing have done.
- 3. Statements made have been properly referenced.
- 4. N.P.K. 15-15-15 in line 76 is in order.
- 5. Proper plot dimension in line 132 has been stated.
- 6. In line 134, leaf part was used as required.
- 7. Specific weights of leaves in line 141 are as stated.
- 8. The pH and CEC data have been corrected to conform to the data mentioned in table 1.
- 9. In line 160 the data have been corrected appropriately.
- 10. Lines 220 and 221 have been adequately addressed.
- 11. Line 249 has been referenced.
- 12. The revised conclusions now reflected the major findings.
- 13. The pH data have been corrected, while the textural classes have been provided.
- 14. The alphabets in the DMRT have been properly adjusted for better understandings.
- 15. Legends and units of measurements have adequately addressed.

In conclusion I sincerely appreciate the constructive critics of this manuscript because it improves the quality of the work.

I appreciate your timely review of the work and time to time reminder memo. Its nice working with you.

Thank you.

Dr. Bola Senjobi.