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Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Plant &amp; Soil Science</a>
Manuscript Number:	2015_IJPSS_16111
Title of the Manuscript:	Comparative assessment of cocoa pod husk biochar fortified with NPK fertilizer formulations on kola seedling nutrient uptake and soil properties in Ibadan, Nigeria.
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	The manuscript <b>2015_IJPSS_16111</b> submitted to review is written clearly and concisely. Abstract is satisfactory. Material and methods are adequate. Experimental material and data are sufficient, as well as statistical evaluation. Tables are adequate and clear. Interpretations of the results as well as discussion are conducted properly. Conclusions are consistent with the obtained results. Reference list is sufficient.	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	The manuscript needs a minor corrections. I suggest to use throughout the text the phrase: "alone, individually or separately" instead of "singly". In line 35 is: <i>Cola nitida</i> and <i>Cola</i> – should be: <i>Cola nitida</i> and <i>Cola</i> In line 73 is: seven months.. – should be: seven months. In line 117 is: (Osonubi <i>et al.</i> , 1991) this position should be inserted in the reference list In line 140 is: 156g/kg – should be: 156 gkg <sup>-1</sup> In line 174 is: 100 kg <sup>-1</sup> – should be: 100 gkg <sup>-1</sup> In line 190 is: soil N.. – should be: soil N. In Table 1 is: cmolKg <sup>-1</sup> – should be: cmolkg <sup>-1</sup> In Table 4 is: g/kg, cmol/kg – should be: gkg <sup>-1</sup> , cmolkg <sup>-1</sup> In Reference list is: Ron Poitras and Sue Straubing (2009)- should be Poitras, R. and Straubing, S. (2009)	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	In general, this manuscript presents a valuable contribution to the knowledge concerning the effect of cocoa pod-husk biochar fortified with NPK fertilizer formulations on kola seedling nutrient uptake and soil properties. The obtained results showed that cocoa pod – husk biochar is important for supplying organic materials for soil fertility improvement and can be useful in kola cultivation in Nigeria.	

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