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Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Plant &amp; Soil Science</a>
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Title of the Manuscript:	The lowermost Chara locality in the world near Dead Sea, Israel
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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	<p>The study represents a lot of important information, such the information of the diversity of algae in a very extreme environment, but the text need to be cleaner and more objective.</p> <p>The text is very confusing. The author talks about many places that are not described in the methods section and as an international reader, it's impossible to understand where the study was conducted.</p> <p>The title talk about Chara species but the study talks more about periphytic species. The author needs to be more specific about it, talking about the diversity or on only the Chara species.</p> <p>The author describes this paper as an first study on the pool but at the same time, cite another study conducted in the same pool (Reference n. 19.)</p> <p>The English is not my mother language, but is very clear that the text needs a good english review.</p>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>Line 35- You need to show which the total area of your algal sampling was.</p> <p>Line 65: Add the country name on the location.</p> <p>Line 87: The figure 2 don't have any connection with the text</p> <p>Line 103: IN this sentence: "From other hand, we don't find fifteen species that represented in [19]", transform the citation on the other way, for example: We do not find fifteen species that was described in previous studies [19]. Just for not cite the number as an person. Please fix the whole text as this.</p> <p>Line 131/132: Did you also collected planktonic algae?</p>	



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	<p>Line 150: You concluded that the prevailing type of organisms is benthic, but did you collected and analysed the planktonic algae?</p> <p>Line 185-187: Missing citation of the sentence “As we revealed in the...”</p> <p>Line 184: You don’t described any information of Ein Avdat in the methods.</p> <p>Line 190: You don’t described any information of Arava Valley in the methods.</p>	
<b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments	<p>My suggestion is to change the title, as an diversity of periphytic algae in Neot HaKikar and then, discuss about the Chara species</p> <p>In many times the citation is used in wrong way. (see the example for the line 103).</p> <p>I encourage the author to make modifications and submit again, because the information of the paper is very important.</p>	

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