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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	Introduction. The research problem is not formulated in a clear way. The research question is absent. A part of the cited references seem to be not relevant. For example, after the statement "the Municipal Council of Gaza City operates around 150 donkey carts for collection and transfer of municipal waste" the author cites the paper of Al-Najar (2007). In that paper re-use of municipal wastes in agriculture and composting of municipal organic wastes in the Gaza Strip is discussed but the problems of collection and transfer of municipal waste in Gaza City are not presented. http://site.iugaza.edu.ps/halnajar/files/2010/03/Urban-agriculture-and-ecosanitation-the-strategic-potential-toward-poverty-alleviation.pdf Because the research problem is not formulated, the literature survey that would enable to present the current state of the problem is absent. The usual sections of research articles, such as Methods, Data, Results are absent. Immediately after the section Introductory the Section Discussion appears. Discussion of what? No Results are presented neither before nor after Discussion. This Discussion section includes assumptions on possible low willingness to pay for compost and other issues. But these assumptions and the following possible explanations of the bad situation in the market of compost are not based on any statistical data and their analysis besides a small Table 1 that includes a few levels	First I would like to thank you for your comments. I collected data about compost quality imported or produced locally and figures about solid waste composition in the Gaza Strip. Also data regarding agriculture land use and Gaza Population is collected. All data is reviewed and presented in the paper. Based on collected data, the paper is improved taking into consideration your comments mainly in discussion.



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	of prices/costs of compost in the Gaza Strip. The absence of presented data, methods of their analysis, and consequently, the results of the research do not allow to conclude on the scientific side of the work.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The subject is interesting and actual. The author can continue the work, to collect data, to choose relevant methods for its analysis, and arrive to interesting results that can impact the solution of the serious problem of solid municipal waste treatment in a high-populated Gaza Strip.	