

Editor Comment:

1. Conclusions go beyond the study presented in the manuscript. According to JAERI guide for authors: „**Conclusions should briefly state the major findings of the study**”.
2. References have been prepared in a manner not in accordance with the JAERI guide for authors.
3. Moreover some another technical improvement is needed (Please see my remarks in the attached manuscript).

Author's Feedback:

1. Firstly, we thank you for your comments they are well appreciated. The conclusion has been reviewed, the statement **mineral fertilizers are beyond the reach of the farmer due to high cost** is a known fact from literature as being reported by many researchers in the study area. However based on your advice we have removed it from the manuscript.
2. We have now arranged the references according to JAERI Method.
3. In the issue of technical improvement, we disagree with the use of water in place of moisture content, reason being that water has a lot of conations and moisture content is appropriate scientific term with regard to soil research. On the second issue, the results generated should be explicit in explanation for easy understanding. Therefore the highest and the least values need to be reported as they are part of the comparisons whether significant or not.