

## Review Form 1.6

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are wrong spelling and grammatical errors. English language must be improved.</li> <li>- Correct the errors and units in Table 1, i.e., % is based on weight?, pH (not soil pH)</li> <li>- Table 2 which provides the standard methods used for the analysis of soil samples is missing.</li> <li>- According to the result in Table 2: Effect of coconut shell biochar application on Bulk Density (<math>\text{Mg m}^{-3}</math>) and Maximum Water Holding Capacity (%) of soil after the harvest of soybean, addition of biochar decreased the bulk density and increased water holding capacity due to the porous structure of biochar. However, authors do not mention the porosity properties of biochar they used in their experiment. Moreover, the specific surface area of biochar which authors used to explain the result in Table 3 is missing.</li> </ul>	
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