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PART 1: Review Comments

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<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Separately Given in Page No 4 & 5</p> <p>Reviewer's Comments:</p> <p>1). Title: It is suggested to include order, family and authenticity of test insect to get completeness of title</p> <p>2). Abstract: Values of Experimental Results should be included in appropriate places. Instead of elaborating the Methodology, few valid outcomes of results may be included.</p> <p>3). Material and Methods: Preparation procedure of Neem and Eucalyptus leaf powders and their combination may be included in brief.</p>	

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	<p>4). Results & Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All results should be given with corresponding observations/ values b) As all tables are to be presented as per standard format c) To some extent, experimental results may further be discussed with some recent works of either Maize weevil or related pests. <p>General Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) While giving experimental results, instead of 'percent', it should be written as 'per cent' b) Write scientific name as <i>Sitophilus zeamais</i>. However, writing as <i>S. zeamais</i> is sufficient throughout the manuscript once it is elaborated at the beginning. c) Appropriate Space should be given between two words. It is noticed that at many places, no proper spacing given between words. This may lead to either different or no meaning. d) Conclusion should begin with the significant result of the study followed by your opinions e) Acknowledgement for the persons or laboratory facilities is not included f) Availability of authors in the reference section should be cross verified with the text g) Even though all references are corrected from my end, they need to be verified once again according to the Journal guidelines h) In Reference section, texts highlighted in Yellow colour are to be checked i) According to the Author guidelines of the Journal following corrections are to be made in the manuscript <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mention the co authors as "et al". where ever it is applicable b. While mentioning the <i>P</i> values, <i>P</i> is always italicized and capitalized <p>Muzemu, Simbarashe. Chitamba, J. & M. B. Evaluation of <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>, <i>Tagetes minuta</i> and <i>Carica papaya</i> as stored maize grain protectants against <i>Sitophilus zeamais</i> (Motsch.) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). <i>Agric For Fisheries</i>. 2013;2(5), 196. https://doi.org/10.11648/j.aff.20130205.13: Verify the correctness of authors</p>	
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PART 2:

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