

## Review Form 1.7

Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
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Title of the Manuscript:	SPATIAL VARIABILITY OF SOIL CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF SMALLHOLDER FARMS ON DERELICT MINED-SITES OF JOS SOUTH LGA, JOS PLATEAU
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

### 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)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</li> <li>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</li> <li>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</li> <li>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</li> </ol> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>This manuscript is important to the scientific community.</p> <p>Not exactly. "DISTRIBUTION OF SOIL CHEMICAL PROPERTIES ON DERELICT MINED-SITE USED FOR SMALLHOLDER FARMING IN JOS SOUTH LGA, JOS PLATEAU".</p> <p>Not exactly. The abstract should be adjusted in line with the suggested topic.</p> <p>No. Under Materials and Methods, the subsection "SAMPLING AND SAMPLE PREPARATION" was omitted.</p> <p>If the corrections suggested are made, it will be scientifically correct.</p> <p>Yes, the references are sufficient and fairly recent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Off-key statement of research problem (see last paragraph of the introduction).</li> <li>● "SPATIAL VARIABILITY" was not reflected in the work. Rather, the work focused on the distribution of soil chemical properties in Jos South LGA. To reflect spatial variability in line with the title of the article, soil chemical properties in different smallholder farms within Jos South LGA should be assessed separately.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>To reflect "spatial variability" in this study, the 31 sampled small holder farms ought to be analyzed separately or homogenized in groups but not homogenized as a single unit as was done in this study. If possible the locations of these sampling points should be named and coordinates given.</p>	

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**PART 2:**

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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