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Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Experimental Agriculture International</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JEAI_118820</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Influence of zinc levels on growth, chlorophyll content and biomass allocation of cocoa varieties</b>
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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)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li><b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li><b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<p>The title of the work that was given to me for review is important as it focuses on roles of zinc in the growth and chlorophyll content of Cocoa varieties.</p> <p>The title of the article can be written as "Effects of Zinc on growth, Chlorophyll content and Biomass allocation of cocoa varieties".</p> <p>The abstract of the article is not comprehensive. The abstract lacks proper introduction and adequate conclusion.</p> <p>The subsections and structure of the manuscript can be termed appropriate if properly structured. For example, Statistical Analysis was omitted in the subsections. Furthermore, the title for Table 1., should not be found under the Table; instead, it should be written above the Table.</p> <p>Yes. If all corrections pointed out in the manuscript are done; the manuscript can be said to be scientifically correct.</p> <p>All most all the references were outdated (1983, 1991, 1994, 1005,2000, etc) except 2017 and 2018. Expunge the following names: Wood GAR. 1991 and Zhang Y, Pang L, Yan P, Liu D, Yost R, Zhang F, Zou C. 2013 in the reference list since they are not in the body of the manuscript.</p> <p>Please, use more of recent references; at least from 2018 upwards to enable us align properly about effects of zinc on the growth and chlorophyll content.</p> <p>Furthermore, the authors could consider using the latest editions of either APA 6<sup>TH</sup> or APA 7<sup>TH</sup> style, Harvard or Chicago style of referencing and upholding such throughout the reference list for more clarity. For example, the following changes can be made in the reference list - Alloway BJ, (2008). <i>Zinc in soils and crop nutrition</i>. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, IZA and IFA, Brussels, Belgium and Paris, France- then insert the page number/numbers. Please follow the same pattern of referencing from reference 1 to 15.</p> <p>Generally, the Tables and Figures presented under the section for Results were lacking in basic scientific units and standards of measurement. Furthermore, the results of the study should be compared against International recognized standards such as WHO, FAO, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></li> </ol>	<p>Well, I think the English quality of the article can be improved for better scholarly communications using some basic Microsoft tools/applications.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>The introduction should be comprehensive enough.</p>	

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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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