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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJSSPN_119244
Title of the Manuscript:	Management of zinc for rice in sodic soils
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1-The manuscript is relevant to the scientific community. However, this situation of soil with elevated sodium and pH is very rare on a world scale. I suggest that the manuscript focus on describing the region where this type of soil chemical properties occurs and this importance for the community</p> <p>2-The title does not embrace the whole investigation. The different methods of Sodium excess alleviation not be described in the title. "Alleviation ways of soil sodium excess associated with Zinc nutrition in rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.) plants"</p> <p>3-The abstract needs to be improved. The importance of this condition of high Na and pH demands a better explanation. The focus of this paper is only on Zinc nutrition based on the title. This also needs to be revised in the abstract section.</p> <p>4-The subsections and structure of the manuscript demand to be improved. There are problems with abbreviations in the whole text. The introduction section has poor information on the problem that will be studied in this paper. The introduction needs some crucial references to justify some phrases of the text. in the introduction isn't adequate information on the problems of Na excess in plants, soils, etc.</p> <p>The material and methods section is confusing. The suggestion for explaining by appropriate form is using tables to describe the treatments and the chemical properties of the soil.</p> <p>The results and discussion section need to be improved to explain the effects observed in rice plants. The way adopted by the manuscript leaves the effects in the rice in the second plan. If this is the intention of this manuscript, it needs an overall alteration of the sections.</p> <p>5 The manuscript is scientifically correct. However, the direction of the manuscript demands an alteration to be approved</p> <p>6-The number of references needs to be severely improved to support the manuscript mainly in the introduction section</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>The English level of the text is ok. I recommend a minor review together with the possible alterations in the text. There is a lack of abbreviations for the names of the nutrients.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	No

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