

**Review Form 3**

Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJSSPN_122264</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Standardization of earthworm densities for optimizing microbial activity during vermicomposting</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	Bio fertilizer for optimizing microbial activity during vermicomposting. Equal numbers of nitrogen fixing bacteria and phosphate solubilizing bacteria were inoculated in the vermicomposting and also waste material convert in organic matter.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	Earthworms harbor different kinds of microflora in their guts, which proliferate in the congenial environment there and help to degrade different organic wastes through vermicomposting. Hence, population of earthworms in the vermicomposting system is likely to play an important role in determining the occurrence and, thereby, the activity of the microorganisms.	
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	Please add the recent references.	
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