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PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	Soil is an environmental factor that deserves much attention from researchers. Knowledge of its physical properties helps in making many important decisions. Density, grain size distribution, porosity, hydraulic conductivity, capillarity and permeability are essential properties. Some important properties are fully presented in the paper.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	I would recommend the variant: Gully Category, Slope Position and Soil Depth Studies of 'Acid Sand': Their Effects upon Soil Physical Properties in Akwa Ibom State, Southeastern Nigeria	
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.	It mentions in the abstract, in the last sentence, the content of organic matter and nutrients. I did not find any mention of this in the paper.	
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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	More than 40 bibliographical references from 1964 (Jungerius P.D. about the natural vegetation from zone) – 2023 (Simeon, S.D., Essien, O.A.) are used. Perhaps more recent ones can be added.	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	It was easy to translate and understand the text.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why was soil drying done both at air (at Laboratory Analysis chapter) and at 105°C (at Physical Analysis chapter)? What was the water content? - In <i>tables 4-7</i> for density does the unit of measure Mgm^{-3} and in <i>figure 1b</i> mgm^{-3} appear? I recommend to write uniformly. - There are informations about the nutrients content, but no data about their weight (even qualitatively, by a simple identification method). 	

PART 2:

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

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