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Journal Name:	International Journal of Plant & Soil Science
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJPSS_115600
Title of the Manuscript:	Effect of lime application for neutralizing fertilizer acidity on growth and yield of maize (Zea mays L.) in Alfisols
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> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>Yes, it is</p> <p>It stated in "Introduction":</p> <p>Maize (Zea mays L.) is one of the most versatile emerging crops, cultivated in a wide range of agro-climatic conditions In India, it is grown under diverse agro climatic situations In Karnataka, maize is cultivated over a.....</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>Yes, but with a note.</p> <p>Suggestion: It is best to remove parenthesis from an article title.</p> <p>Example: Effect of lime application for neutralizing fertilizer acidity on growth and yield of Zea mays L. in Alfisols or Effect of lime application for neutralizing fertilizer acidity on growth and yield of maize in Alfisols</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>Yes, it is The abstract of the article explains the research objectives, research design, research method, and research results.</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Yes, it is.</p> <p>Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussions, and Conclusion are explained in detail, clearly and structured.</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>Yes, it is.</p> <p>The research results come from the experiments conducted, as stated: "The experiment was laid out in Randomized Complete Block Design with three replications.... And so on"</p>	

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes, but with a note. Using a reference for the last ten years, the percentage is very small, 50% (at least 70%).</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Yes, it is.</p>	

PART 2:

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

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