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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>The Authors investigated the effect of SBG as a source of nutrients to the rice crop in an alkaline soil. The contents of the manuscript is original and it is worthy of investigation. Some revisions should be conducted to improve the quality of the manuscript:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Linz-Donawitz as definition of LD should be presented in Paragraph 3 Section 1 before the Authors mention the abbreviation of LD in the manuscript.2. The Authors claimed that SBG is a good source of nutrients for the rice crop. Please explain whether this SBG exist everywhere in the world or only in the location where the Authors did the study. If the source of SBG is only limited to several locations, please mention it. If the SBG is only applicable in the area where the Authors did the study, the Authors should mention the name of the location in the title of the manuscript3. Please provide soil classification following Unified soil classification system (USCS). The Authors can refer to the following paper as example of soil classification: https://doi.org/10.1631/jzus.A18005934. Please provide standard or reference for plant analysis in Section 2.2.5. What is the criteria of error in the statistical analysis presented in Section 2.5? The Author should refer to the following publication for explaining the error criteria for the statistical analysis. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sandf.2017.08.0096. Please provide explanation with respect to R square value presented in Figure 1. The Authors can refer to the following publication: https://doi.org/10.1007/s11440-020-01013-87. Discussions need more in-depth critique with respect to analyses results.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. As suggested by the reviewer, the definition of LD as Linz-Donawitz is presented in paragraph 3 Section 1 of the revised manuscript.2. SBG used in the present investigation is not yet marketed and so cannot be found everywhere in the world. It is a new product in India produced from Tata Steel Limited, Jamshedpur and the registration of the material in FCO, New Delhi is in progress. Further, large scale field demonstration are being carried out in different parts of India.3. The authors would like to inform that the USDA system of soil classification is followed in the current manuscript and would like to continue with same. We request to kindly accept this4. As per the reviewers' suggestion, reference for plant analysis in section 2.2 has been incorporated in the revised manuscript.5. The standard error was calculated using the triplicated experimental data for each treatment and analysed using complete randomised design.6. As suggested by the reviewer, the explanation with respect to R square value have been provided in the revised manuscript.7. As per the reviewer suggestion, required modification have been made in the revised manuscript.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
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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>
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