

## ***Interactive comment on “Efficient Eco-Friendly Organic Wastes Mixed with Growth Promoting Bacteria to Remediate and Increase Fertility of Saline Sodic Soil in Egypt” by Mohamed Hafez et al.***

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The manuscript "Efficient Eco-Friendly Organic Wastes Mixed with Growth Promoting Bacteria to Remediate and Increase Fertility of Saline Sodic Soil in Egypt" presented by M. Hafeza et al. deals with the reclamation of saline-sodic soil in arid regions of Egypt. The manuscript presents an experimental comparison among 8 types of treatments including the application of spent grain, compost, *Azospirillum brasiliense* and various other mixtures of those matrices.

The manuscript presents several small and medium English mistakes, various grammar errors, etc. It needs thorough revision and rephrasing process before re-submitting

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it again. Various small typographic or orthographic errors occur in the tables.

On the scientific aspects: the manuscript presents the effects of several treatments (soil amendments) on the sodicity/salinity of the selected soils. It is rather difficult to evaluate the effects of so many treatments using different amounts of the individual amendments, and resulting in differing effects related to the various parameters.

The treatments are compared with solid or dotted lines as they were directly connected with time but there is no real connection among them. Each parameter variability should be related only to the effect of the treatment on the parameter itself. Comparing the variability of pH derived from 8 different treatments (with different chemical composition, element content, C content, etc. ) does not have any specific significance.

All of the treatment produce independent results which cannot be connected with lines and discussed accordingly.

I believe there is a serious scientific weakness behind the experiment and the manuscript should be completely revised before re-submitting it.

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