

## ***Interactive comment on “Microbial communities and their predictive functional profiles in arid soil of Saudi Arabia” by Munawwar A. Khan and Shams T. Khan***

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I and coauthor thank reviewer for their positive comments. The environmental condition in Hafra Batin are very harsh and different that is why the microbial community is quite different there. We will add in the discussion as suggested by the reviewer. We will also include the reports of Eida et al., in our manuscript. Other minor corrections will also be included in the revised manuscript as suggested by reviewer.

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