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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>-Let the research objectives be SMART and resonate with the conclusion.</p> <p>-The research did not consider alternative waste management technique which can be used sustainably to valorise agro-industrial bio-waste for contribution to future restoration of degraded soils and have an improving effect on the degraded soil as stated in the abstract.</p> <p>-There is lack of summary of recent research in the topic area</p> <p>-There are no highlights of the gaps in current understanding or conflict in current knowledge, hence the need for investigating in the topic area</p> <p>-Who are the beneficiaries of the findings of research work?</p> <p>-How was the clay content in soil determined? I suggest Soil analysis using a PSR+ full range UV/VIS/NIR spectroradiometer with a 350-2500nm spectral range since it is fast, non-destructive, affordable, and doesn't involve hazardous chemicals.</p> <p>-I also suggest a map showing the clay-content distribution in Korhogo.</p> <p>-A comprehensive sampling of the area is recommended, I recommend that the coordinates of the sampling points within the study area should be shown on a map.</p> <p>-The intensity of soil degradation in Korhogo is also important.</p> <p>-The impact of seasonal variation (dry and wet season) on leaching of the soil nutrients should also be considered.</p> <p>-Therefore, suggest some ways in which future research might confirm the findings or take the research forward.</p> <p>-Line 102 to 104: An explanation would be given why specific Bio-waste were taken out, i.e. -T1: Bio-waste at 1 month of decomposition, -T2: Bio-waste at 3 months of decomposition, -T3: Bio-waste at 6 months of decomposition.</p> <p>-Line 107, under the experimental design, 60kg of manure was added to each elementary plot while in in the conclusion in line290, the bio-waste was applied at the rate of 50kg per experimental unit. Clarify the amount that was actually used.</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>In the abstract, five agronomic parameters in corn are mentioned as having been measured but only four are indicated notably plant height, collar diameter, ear weight and grain yield.</p> <p>In the same abstract, revise the sentence, 'Likewise, the physical and physic-chemical and chemical analyses were achieved both the soil (before sowing and after corn harvesting) and organic fertilizer samples'. It does not make sense.</p> <p>Line 34 to 39 should be revised. For instance, line 36 (ii) could be changed to 'examine the behaviour of.....'</p> <p>Revise line 348 to 350. Use same referencing format..</p> <p>The acronyms and abbreviations ANOVA and CNRA are not defined.</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>The subject is interesting as it relates to much desirable practice for soil rehabilitation in Sub-Saharan Africa</p>	



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PART 2:

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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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