**Editor’s Comment:**

The manuscript was read by two reviewers who appreciated its content and requested minor revisions.These were carried out diligently by the authors. The manuscript, however, still requires some improvements before it can be finally accepted for publication. Here are my remarks.

Page 6, paragraph “2.9 ESTIMATION OF INDOLE ACETIC ACID (IAA) PRODUCTION BY ISOLATED

NITROGEN-FIXING BACTERIA”. “the culture was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 15 mins”: Use the

number of g for the centrifugation speed (rpm depends on the centrifuge; the number of g is universal).

Figures 1 to 13, tables 1 to 3: Figures and tables are not called out in the text: check each figure and

add the call out in the text.

Page 9: move the legends so that they correspond to Figure 13 and Table 3.

References.

ibliographic references contain many errors that must be carefully checked one by one. Some

references in the text are not listed, and many references in the list are not included in the

text.Examples:

Page 2: “Oldroyd & Dixon, 2014”.is not in the list.

Page 2: “Spa, 2015” is not in the list.

Page 2 Does "Souza, 2015" match "De Souza" in the list?

Page 3: “Hadi, 2009” is not in the list.

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