

Review of: "Synthesis, Characterization and Ameliorative Effect of Iron Oxide Nanoparticles on Saline-Stressed Zea Mays"

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- 1. Page 2, lines 2: (. According to estimates from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which year?
- 2. Page 4, FeONPs Synthesis: please add a reference for the synthesis method.
- 3. Page 5, line 16, (The sodium hypochlorite acted as a disinfectant to ensure healthy seeds). Please add a reference.
- 4. Page 5, part 2.5: Please explain why each pot was irrigated with potable water for the first fifteen (15) days, and why 200 ml of a 300 mM sodium chloride (NaCl) solution for the next ten (10) days. Each seedling in pot E also received a 5 ml foliar application of a bulk solution of FeCl₃ .6H₂O (1:10 (g/ml) bulk FeCl₃ .6H₂O solution to distilled water) for 10 days. Did you use any method?
- 5. Page 7, section 2.9: please add a reference for the formula.
- 6. Page 7, section 3.1. FTIR spectroscopic analysis: compare your results with previous works.
- 7. Page 9, sections 3.3 and 3.4: compare your results with previous works.