

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

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This review deals with the manuscript entitled Synthesis, Characterization and Ameliorative Effect of Iron Oxide Nanoparticles on Saline-Stressed Zea Mays. The manuscript is interesting, but the authors need to address the following observations before any decision:

- 1. In the pot experiment section, it says 1:10 gr/ml, which is unclear; please explain.
- 2. It is convenient to define SOD and CAT when appearing in the manuscript for the first time.
- 3. The serial number of the equipment (s) should be deleted from the manuscript.
- 4. It says "...irrigated with 200 ml of a 300 mM solution of sodium chloride (NaCl) for the subsequent..." Was it 200 ml a day?
- 5. There is an error; it says: 1.1ml ml of 50 mM phosphate buffer"
- 6. It says: ..each pot was measured in mm...It doesn't need to mention "in mm". In addition, it says: percentage chlorophyll and should be "percentage of chlorophyll".
- 7, The following sentence needs to be corrected: For the purpose <u>of identifying</u> and characterizing the organic compounds that capped FeONPs, the fourier-transform infrared (FTIR) approach was adopted <u>in identifying</u> the distinctive functional groups.
- 8. One digit after the decimal point is enough. I suggest replacing 873.2334 with 873.2 cm-1, and similarly, all numbers in the manuscript.
- 9. In the conclusion, replace 80 0C by 80°C.