## **EDITORIAL COMMENTS:**

I totally agree with a referee who implies that "soils have been selected with no justification and there is no independent verification of results. Also, the presentation of the graphs is very poor and un-scientific.

## **AUTHOR'S FEEDBACK:**

The method of sample selection was purposive. The methods adopted are within the scope of the study. On verification of results, the results of this study were declared valid for the study area. Further study is recommended as contained in the Conclusion. The graphs were presented only to show the pattern of variation between the parameters. However, Figures 3 and 4 have now been modified.