

**Editor's Comment:**

I have read both the original manuscript and the revised one.

Even if the two reviewers were very criticism (one rejected and one revision) the Author improved the manuscript including the suggestions made by the reviewers. The third reviewer suggested only minor revision.

Therefore, I think that the paper in the second version is suitable for publication in the **Journal of Experimental Agriculture International**, since the manuscript concerns an important research topic.

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