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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJFAR_47061
Title of the Manuscript:	Preliminary Trials on Hatchery and Larval Development of the Sea Cucumber, <i>Holothuria scabra</i> (Jaeger 1883), in the Sultanate of Oman
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	Results: Modify Figure 3 as there are 3 legends and Lines in graph is 5 Provide label for figure 5	Actually it is there but hidden. If you enlarge the legend you will see F4 and the Mean of (F2, F3 & F4). I have replaced the graph as a pic in the manuscript for clarification. The lable of figure 4 was added
Minor REVISION comments	Referencing in Discussion not consistent. Section on referencing should follow journals standard	It has been done as per journal standards. Extra references was added in the last paragraph as per reviewer recommendation
Optional/General comments	Any idea on how mortalities can be improved?	Since the mortality occurred during early hatch-out days (the first 3-4 days), we clearly stated the reasons which is attacking of copepods and protozoans, and this will need to have a clean hatchery environment, including the technical personnel who works in the hatchery. Methods to reduce the mortality clearly stated in the discussion.

PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	All animals used in these experiments were euthanized following to the ethical standards of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Wealth and only the minimum number necessary to obtain the number of fertilized oocytes were used.