

### **Editor's Comment:**

The decision for manuscript number 2019 JEAI 50539 entitled 'Fertilization With Silicon in Sweet Pepper Plants Grown Under Salt Stress' later 'Fertilization With Silicon in Sweet Pepper Improved Plants Grown Under Salt Stress' written by Márcio de Souza Dias Following the evaluation of all documents related to the manuscript, I can state that the manuscript is corrected per Reviewers' suggestions and requirements. Only the title may be changed into 'Silicon fertilization of sweet pepper improves plant growth and fruit yield under salt stress'. However, I have a serious objection regarding the literature cited in the manuscript. Twenty-two references (per 57) are written in Portuguese. In my opinion, it is not acceptable, because if the manuscript is submitted to an international, English-language journal, it cannot contain references written in other than English. The Portuguese-language references cited in this manuscript are not acceptable because all of them are not available to assessing by editors, reviewers or readers who do not know Portuguese. Additionally, the titles of all of them were translated into English. This causes that it is very difficult to find them on the Internet. In my opinion, the manuscript at the current stage can not be published in the Journal of Experimental Agriculture International. References written in Portuguese must be removed from the manuscript, and if it is possible replaced by the English-language ones. The Portuguese-language references may be cited, but their number must be reduced to the absolute minimum, and their titles must be written in the original language.

My decision is: Return to the Author for the correction of references.

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