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| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_APRJ_50718   |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Effect of Nitrogen and Phosphorus on the Growth and Seed Yield of Spinach |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article   |

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## **PART 1:** Review Comments

|                              | Reviewer's comment   | <b>Author's comment</b> (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) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | Review comments on "Effect of Nitrogen and Phosphorus on the Growth and Seed Yield of Spinach"  1. On the abstract give the acronym of BCR. It's proper you give the full meaning then acronym.  2. Generally the abstract does not give the message of the title" Effects of N and P on Growth and Yield of Spinach". The growth aspect is not reflected on the abstract. Only the germination percentage, EC values and Yield. The BCR value is given on the abstract but is lacking in the results and discussion section. Include the growth aspects since they are reflected in the results or maybe you scrub them from the results section, this will probably need you to change the title of the manuscript. When the reader scans through the abstracts he/she knows what the content of the paper is all about.  3. Please include citation for lines 19-20 and 21.  4. Line 21; further benefits of spinach leaves consumption can be of more value e.g vital mineral elements in spinach compared to other vegetables e.g iron which is very good for women  5. On the materials and methods section the author has tried to give good explanation however need of some clarification- what treatment was applied on separate N <sub>0</sub> and separate P <sub>0</sub> since combined N <sub>0</sub> P <sub>0</sub> was treated with cow dung manure?  6. Economic analysis cleared described but the results on this very aspect is lacking.  7. Statistical Analysis- this is okay however you can go further to denote letters to easily show significant differences within the treatments. This makes it easy for the reader. For instance in ref no 14.  8. Results and Discussion- This section is very wanting. The given results are good but there lacks discussion, which adds up the meat to the research study. What are the speculations or reason behind the specific observations? for instance N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> and not N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>3</sub> give the best results in a number of aspects - this very interesting but there is no explanation. Why did the combined treatment give better results than separate results? Explanation and probably citation | highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write   |
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