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Title of the Manuscript:	Effects of Row Spacing on the Growth, Yield and Yield Components of Okra (<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> L.) in Botswana
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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General Remarks:

The above article presents and discusses on **Effects of Row Spacing on the Growth, Yield and Yield Components of Okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus* L.) in Botswana**. The authors discuss on effects of spacing on the commonly grown okra variety in Botswana.

The experimental set up, results and discussions are outlined very well and analysis have been performed in detail.

According to the journal's peer review policy, I recommend the manuscript for publication after some adjustments have been taken into account.



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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Line 139 and 196: the expression "first week or first two weeks' make confusion. Is it first WAE?, please check it Line166:" ... but most of the flowers were destroyed and dropped by the rains", please precise if you count these flowers or not in yours statistics results/ according to me, it is better to take all these flowers into account. Conclusion, I think that you can make the conclusion better and more beneficial for the famers. In concrete term, what is "recommended" (lines 275-276) mean for a famer? You can give your some value of R.. for some giving yields	We agree with the reviewer and we have corrected in text (refer to colour coded text). It WAE? YES (refer to 2.4 Data collection, line 121) Line 166- We did not count the flowers but we only made the observation. Conclusion; We agree with the reviewer and we have corrected in text (refer to colour coded text) FROM PDF FILE: S1-S9- agreed and corrected in text (refer to coloured text) S10- it is plant spacing (corrected in text) S11-S32- addressed in text S33- refer to 2.2 Experimental design and establishment, and 2.4 Data collection S35- we agree with the reviewer, the harvesting was done a bit late S36-S40- addressed in text S41- addressed in text



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		S42- addressed in text S43- refer to 3.1 (Branch lets and leaves) S44- refer to 3.7 (Fruit size, colour coded) S45- the number of flowers during weeks 10 and 11 were constant hence the termination of data collection S46- refer to 3.3 Seeds S47- refer to 3.1 Branch lets and leaves S48- refer to 3.4 Colour coded S49- partly explained in 3.6 (fresh fruit weight). As for fruit weight and diameter we cannot explain.
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