

Editor's Comment:

I have done thorough editing on this manuscript attached and confirmation is needed from the authors about a few changes. Finally from my side the manuscript can be accepted for publication pending clarification from the authors about the method and materials section. It is scientific norm and requirement to validate the method/ procedure used for example under the following:

- 1) The whole experimental set up; what is the basis of the experimental set up used here?
- 2) How were other parameters catered for during collection of leaf and stem samples.

How did the authors validate the method used keeping in mind the other parameters that would affect the content of the non metabolites.

If the method was not validated, I suggest they provide references to the standard procedure (s) adopted or followed to set up the experiment before the paper can be published.

Was there any modification in the methodology adopted? If any what was it. They should clarify. This is important because we have to include it in the manuscript for quality purposes.

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