



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	American Journal of Experimental Agriculture
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJEA_24630
Title of the Manuscript:	Yield and Yield Attributes of Tomato as Influenced by Organic Fertilizer
Type of Article	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Degrees of freedom $4 \times 3 = 12 - 1 = 11$	We provided an explanation for this in the last review we submitted.
Any plot in a field experiment has a number of plants inside.	There were 27 tomato plants in each plot measuring $15\text{m} \times 2.7\text{m}$, 10 plants in each plot were randomly selected and tagged for data collection. This does not mean each plot had 10 plants only.
Statistic is wrong. They should study statistics and experimental designs. There are no enough degrees of freedom.	We don't agree with the evaluator that our statistic is wrong. Our experimental design is correct. The evaluator is entitled to recommend that our paper be rejected if they are convinced that the study is flawed not to recommend that we study statistics and experimental designs.
We have done studies like this, with experimental design adequated, with plots, replications and a number of plants per plot.	A correct experimental design was used in this study. The plots were adequate and replicated 3 times which is acceptable. Each plot had sufficient plants planted at recommended spacing. Whether the evaluator has done similar studies is not a question here. Here is problem is differing opinion.