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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	In my opinion this submission contributes to extend our knowledge on morphometric variations of <i>Vigna subterranea</i> seeds. In general, the submission meets the scientific standards; however, some weaknesses can be found. - The authors are encouraged to improve clarity in writing through all the text. - Page 2, line 52: instead of writing "... harvested four months ago ...", indicate the accurate collection date. - The authors partitioned the phenotypic variation in two components, the genetic one and the environmental one. For giving a broader draw of the environmental contribution to seed morphometric variation, eco-geographical data of locations where each accession was collected must be included in Table 1. This information could also be useful to deepen the discussion of results. - Please, indicate the reference corresponding to the citation mentioned in Table 1. - Page 4, line 84: please, indicate that SPSS corresponds to the software used to analyze the data. -Page 4, line 95: please, give the meaning of "h" and review the equation of "GA". - Page 5, lines 109 and 110: for the statement "These moisture contents have not far with that recommended for seed storage (12%) in bambara groundnut.", please give the respective citation.	



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	- In Tables 2 and 3 the results of the Duncan's multiple range test (for example, by using different letters in the same column) must be shown. - Page 7, lines 148-150: for the statement "Our results show that sphericity and aspect ratio increased with decrease in seed size, whereas volume, surface area and geometric mean diameter increased with increase in seed size.", evidences of those relations must be given. - Page 8, lines 178-180: the statement "Seed length was significantly correlated with all measured traits. The seed with the longer length did not have either the largest width or thickness." seems somewhat contradictory. Please, explain it. - Some inconsistencies were found in the writing of references. Reference 11, journal name abbreviated. Reference 21, year of publication is missing. Reference of Amarteifio et al., 1997 was not cited in the text. Reference 21, please, review the writing of the name of the report (eliminate some capitals).	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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