

**Editor's comments:**

I checked and read all the documentation.

I have found that the authors did not take into account the suggestions, recommendations and comments of all the reviewers, in particular those ones of the 3<sup>rd</sup> reviewer "Sat". For example he recommended to change in Results and discussion the sentence: "In almost all the provenances, seeds pre-treated with cold water had optimum germination as compared to those pre-treated with hot water and hormonal treatment." because not true but they didn't.

In the last version of the text many punctuation and formatting errors remain and I found many other inaccuracies. For example, in the Abstract they confused Study area with Research area or in Material and methods they write latitude to indicate the longitude, and many others.

I send you the text with some of these errors in red colour.

**Author's feedback:**

Sir as recommended by you i have made correction in Results and Discussion part and Grammatical corrections have been made as per reviewer comments.