

Editorial comments:

The paper still needs further improvements due to inaccuracies and lack of careful reading and revision, perhaps to be given to some people of native English language. You will find here my following additional comments:

- ☐ The words referred as keywords must not to be contained in the title of the paper; please change them.
- ☐ It not clear why the specific salinity level of EC 8 dS/m was used. On which basis was it chosen? according to the reference data? in this case, it must be specified.
- ☐ For salinity, it is salt tolerance and not resistance (line 54).
- ☐ It is not clear how the early seedling may be one of the most sensitive stages for grain yield (line 28); please, explain better.
- ☐ Authors need to adapt accurately the paper format to the journal guidelines (see attach file).

Author's feedback:

Thank you for your critical evaluation. We read carefully and adjusted some mistakes in our revised manuscript. Please see the answer of your additional comments below:

- We checked and adjusted the keywords comparing with the title.
- We agreed and mentioned the reason for screening at EC 8 dS/m in lines 88-89. In our country, salinity level varies between 6-8 dS/m at reproductive stage of rice [19]. So, we screened our studied genotypes at EC 8 dS/m.
- We agreed and used tolerance instead of resistance in our revised manuscript.
- we accepted and corrected according to your suggestions in the line 28.
- We checked and adjusted the paper format following the journal guidelines

Hope our corrections are satisfactory. Thank you for handling our manuscript.