

Editor's Comment:

Decision for manuscript number Ms IJPSS 30111 entitled 'Genetic Diversity and Variability among Papaya (*Carica papaya* L.) Genotypes using Multivariate Analysis' written by Emede, Timon Ogheneweware, Ajayo Babatope Samuel, and Agho Collins

Following evaluation of all documents related to the manuscript I agree with the Reviewers that the text is acceptable for publishing in the International Journal of Plant and Soil Science. Although, the manuscript was improved in accordance with many suggestions and requirements of the reviewers, it still needs additional correction.

- Keywords must be changed. Keywords should not be the same as words used in a title. Currently, several keywords are the same as words in the title. Moreover, 'Benin City' should not be used as a keyword.
- Literature in the text must be cited only as numbers [1], [2] etc. Thus, all names of authors of cited papers must be removed from the text (see instruction for authors).
- All Tables must be self-explicable, so all abbreviations used in a table must be explained below it. 'CV' must be explained below Table 2. 'PC1', 'PC2', and 'PC3' must be explained below Table 4.
- Paragraph COMPETING INTERESTS must be added.
- Paragraph AUTHORS' CONTRIBUTIONS must be added.

My decision is: Accept after revision.

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