

Title: Varietal and environmental response of what?

The title can be rephrased because the manuscript is about the response of the crop to mites' infestation as influenced by variety and environment. Not the mites influencing the response of the crop to variety and environment.

Abstract

In which country was the work done?

"This was laid out in a". "In each location.....". There seem to be some repetition between the two sentences.

Key words should be words that will help in searching for the paper not necessarily words in the title. It can be any other major words from the content.

Introduction

Line 47: maybe add a sentence or two in terms of yield loss due to mite infestation.

Material and methods

Line 63: 'the response of commercial.....' is more fitting as the title

Line 71: '....as main while...' should read '....as main plot while....'.

Line 72, 75, 99: '...36m2....', ...ha-1..., 1,924m2....Use superscript please.

Line 83: 'In each plot, eighteen (17)...'. Which one is it 18 or 17?

Line 84: '....in a zig-zag pattern at least 1 cassava.....' not clear please rephrase.

Results

Line 104,130, 149, 166, 213: '...found to be significant...' Actually there were no significant differences according to the error bars.

Line 136: '...300°...' should this not be 30°C?

Line 171: '....significantly the same....'. The sentence should read 'There were no significant differences between.....'

Figure 2 & 3: Key to the legends needed. A figure should be able to stand alone and be understandable. According to materials and methods a scale of 1 to 5 was used for severity and leaf deformation. However at some points LMAF is above 5 on both the figures.

Figure 4: key to legends "RWHA, RNSTD"

Line 216: and 218. Seem to be contradictory...'...Kwimba recorded the higher root number....'...'Ukiruguru recorded the highest cassava root weight and number...'

Line 232:'all...' All.....

Line 237:'...varieties...'...'variety...'

General comments

- If the error bars are touching then there are no significant differences

- Key to legends should be included in all figures
- Authors should look at their scale for severity and deformation in relation to their figures
- Authors to revisit the title