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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	As mentioned in this article, the value of correlation coefficient (r) represent a strong correlation if above 0.9, a moderate correlation if between 0.5 and 0.9, and a weak correlation if below 0.5. However, we need to know if the correlation showed statistical significance or not, we must to analyses the significance testing. The author just analyses the influences of correlation on the relationships among the following traits: shrub weight, height, shrub volume, LAI, growth ring number, growth rate, soil and topological characteristics and shrub production using data, so this angel is a little narrow and no statistical significance, maybe leads to conclusion are undependable.	The Spearman's rank-order correlation coefficients and their statistical significance ($\rho=0$) were conducted to determine for the relationships among the traits. And we changed the [52] reference to Evans (1996)- The absolute value of correlation coefficient (r) represent a very strong correlation if above 0.8, a strong correlation if between 0.60-0.79, a moderate correlation if between 0.4 and 0.59, a weak correlation if between 0.20-0.39, and a very weak correlation if below 0.19 [52].
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