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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	It is comprehensive and completely justifies the author's recommendation that the creosote bush plants with a wide range of ages occurred mostly in pure stands and sometimes in small groups in all study sites. The study site has different proportions of CB1 (mostly conical-shaped shrubs) and CB2 (mostly large hemispherical-shaped shrubs). The proportion of CB1 and CB2 at a site was an important factor for creosote bush production. Creosote bush productivity was highly associated with soil water availability. In wetter sites, more CB2 shrubs occurred than CB1, resulting in higher production. The total density of creosote bush was negatively associated with land slope.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	1. Please leave a blank line space between the text and table name, for example, between line 94 and line 95, between line 216 and line 217. 2. The sentence that describing the data source throughout the article should be consistent, for example change "available at" to "available in" in line 69.	
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