

Editor's Comment:

The final decision for manuscript number 2013 AJEA 4049 entitled "Growth and Dry Matter Partitioning of Common Bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) Genotypes as Influenced by Aluminum Toxicity" by Hirpa Legesse, Nigussie-Dechassa R, Setegn Gebeyehu, Geremew Bultosa, Firew Mekbib.

Following evaluation of all documents related to the manuscript I agree with reviewers and recommend the manuscript for printing in American Journal of Experimental Agriculture. Authors already have introduced into the text many changes according to reviewer's suggestions and requirements but the manuscript is still editorially poor. Below I mentioned amendments to be implemented to the text.

1. The first two pages are prepared not according to AJEA requirements. The 'Author's Instruction' and 'MS word paper template' are available at <http://www.sciencedomain.org/page.php?id=general-guideline-for-authors> .
 - a. Latin name of common bean is wrong written. It should be (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.)
 - b. The first name of the second Author is missing
 - c. Numbering (indicating authors' affiliation) is incorrect. Why '2*' is used. Instead of this it should be 3
 - d. Phone number, fax and e-mail of corresponding author is required
 - e. Abstract should not be written in italics
2. The heading 'INTRODUCTION' should be preceded by number 1.
3. Authors freely use 'Al' and 'aluminum' in the text. I recommend to consequently use only one term in entire text.
4. Paragraph 2.1 and Figure 1. Degree of Celsius must be denoted with °C, but not by 'O' or '0' in subscript.
5. Authors incorrectly write units in entire text. Instead of, for example, cmol/kg it should be cmol kg⁻¹. Authors must carefully check entire text and correct it. The same mistake exists on Figure 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. It should be '(mg Al kg⁻¹ soil)'. On Figure 5 descriptions of OY axes must be corrected as well.
6. On the same figures (Figure 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) an additional abbreviation was introduced which is not explained. It is 'NB58'. Authors must write whole term (new BILFA 58) on all graphs, or explain this abbreviation in caption of all figures.
7. Table 1. 'G' must be explained below the table.
8. Writing of the 'level of significance' must be corrected. Firstly, it should be unified writing of '*p*'. It should be lowercase (or capital) letter written in italic, and after = it must be 0. Example *p* = 0.05. Entire text needs revision.
9. Writing of names of measured parameters must be unified. Correct writing is in paragraph 2.6. Names should be written with lowercase letter and abbreviations with capital letters. Mistakes are in entire text, including Table and Figures' captions.
10. In 'Authors' contributions' instead of 'the first two advisors' or 'the last two advisors' the full names of authors should be written.
11. Remove 7 from before REFERENCES. Moreover, reference list must be corrected according to AJEA requirements. Spacing and punctuation must be corrected.

Concluding, my final decision is Accept. However, firstly, editorial correction of the text is needed. A special attention should be paid on Figures' correction.

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