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PART 1:

Journal Name:	**Journal of Experimental Agriculture International**
Manuscript Number:	**Ms_JEAI_31662**
Title of the Manuscript:	**Application of principal component analysis to access selected rice germplasm phenotypic diversity**
New Title	**Application of multivariate analysis to access selected rice germplasm phenotypic diversity**
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	**Authors' response to final evaluator's comments**
Though an attempt was made to deal with the plagiarised part of the introduction, the content or reasoning as captured in the original copied article remain same. I defer to the judgement of the editor on this. What is the basis for coming to the conclusion in lines 162 to 164 (Table 2)? This should be clearly stated in the work. For instance, what is the basis for stating that "The most important descriptions were those associated with grain yield based on the analysis of natural variability in phenotypic traits measured in rice (Table 2)"? Indeed, the number of panicle is 0.40 and should be higher than grain yield, 0.39? This has not been addressed.	

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