

Editor's Comment:

I had gone through the details of the manuscript you had sent for my editorial decision. The authors have revised the manuscript in line with the suggestions of the reviewers. After reading the revised manuscript myself I feel that there are certain points that need attention before the manuscript could be considered for publication. I attach herewith my comments and the annotated manuscript for further action.

The author(s) have taken into consideration all the suggestions raised by the reviewers and revised the manuscript accordingly. Nevertheless, as I had gone through the revised manuscript, I found some changes necessary that was missed out in the earlier round of review. Please see the annotated manuscript appended herewith.

The basic physicochemical characteristics of the study soil (especially the water holding capacity and nutrients) should be mentioned.

Provide the seed source for the sunflower cultivars used in the study.

One point I found that was extremely important is the statistical method adopted. The factorial experimental design consists of two factors (cultivars and drought treatment) and a two-way ANOVA would better bring out the variations in the main effects and their interactions for each variable analysed. Further, the author(s) should mention if they had tested the data for homogeneity or any transformation done to normalize the data prior to statistical analysis.

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