

Editor's Comment :

I have read reviewers remarks and the manuscript and I fully agree with the reviewers. The manuscript needs further editing. The title is not right, as the NPK fertilizer was not a treatment. It was a standard cultural management. One of the reviewers wrote that there should be a control, without fertilizer. If so, then the title would be correct. The theme of the manuscript is the differences between the cultivars and not the effect of a fertilizer which was applied to all treatments. Furthermore, in all tables there should be lettering indicating differences as there are in the figures. Figure legends and table legends should be better written, indicating what the readers see in the tables and figures. The units of sugars should be stated, not just % (% dw of fw).

Author feedback: The editor is right about the theme of the manuscript which was centered on differences between cultivars not the effect of a fertilizer which was applied to all the treatments, based on that I have changed the topic to reflect the theme of the manuscript and the tables has lettering indicating differences and legends corrected too as suggested by you. Likewise, the units of sugars are stated in the manuscript.