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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	Abstract I suggest an English reviewer assist in reviewing the article prior to publication. The article is unreadable since there is no proper sentence construction, which makes it very difficult to understand. Authors did not mention any of their treatments and that makes the whole study irrelevant. The use of the two words resistant and Tolerance interchangeably indicated that the authors have no clear understanding of the two words. Cultivars that are resistant completely differs with tolerant cultivars in terms of handling high nematode population densities. Also, the authors talks about the plant being resistant to applied nematode levels, however, there is no indication of how many nematodes applied per plant, i.e. initial population (Pi). Introduction Problem statement not clearly stated. The damage caused by the root-knot nematodes in the test crop not well captured in terms of yield loss, which answers the question, what is the problem. Authors did not address properly who is affected by what they presume the problem in their study. Also, authors used the word 'knots' to refer to the root-knot nematodes, I wonder whether authors are nematologists or not. I request that a Plant Nematologist assist in reviewing the paper or even look at the nematode data prior to submission. Materials and methods. Treatments layout and experimental design not properly presented. This becomes a major challenge since the study cannot be repeated by anyone anywhere. Based on the poor quality of the paper and comments above, I hereby reject the paper.	
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments		

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