

Editor's Comment:

The two independent reviewers did a very important contribution to manuscript improvement. Additional aspects:

The description of the number of genotypes used as rootstock is somehow confusing in the Abstract "10 citrus genotypes, composed of 9 genotypes from two progenies, and 4 genotypes from the TSKFL x [Poncirus trifoliata Beneke (TRBK)] added to the control Cravo Santa Cruz lemon tree (LCRSTC)". Lines 106-110 provide a better description.

Table 2, please replace "GL" (graus de Liberdade in Portuguese) with "DF" (degrees of freedom in English).

Table 4, The authors report the no. locules as different but a same letter in post-hoc test is showed in Table 4. Please check.

Most importantly and critical: Results that are not statistically different should not be discussed in terms of comparison since statistics indicates them to be "equal". If useful to report the values/magnitude (for growers and breeders), an additional table with the results (average and standard deviation) may be included.

The manuscript requires these small adjustments to be published.

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