

Peer Review

Review of: "Row Configuration and Soil Amendment Affect Performance of Popcorn (*Zea mays* L. var. *everta*) in Semi-Arid South Africa"

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Abstract: Clearly mention the novelty and research gap addressed by this study.

Provide p-value along with results.

Mention the experimental design used in the study.

Provide practical recommendations of the findings.

Introduction: Identify the knowledge gap addressed by this study.

Clearly mention the justification, limitations, hypothesis, and objectives of this study.

Include recent text references in the Introduction section.

Materials and Methods:

Provide the rationale for the selection of treatments.

Provide the equation number when a formula is used.

Provide weather data for individual years during the cropping period.

Provide organic matter and micronutrient status if possible.

Provide details of cultural or agronomic practices during the crop growing period.

Include years and treatment x year interaction ANOVA. Which statistical models were used in the analysis of data?

Results: Do not repeat the same information from tables and text.

Provide significant treatments.

Discussion: Provide respective tables or figures while relating results to the discussion section.

Provide a biological interpretation of findings.

Provide the latest references in the Discussion section.

Conclusion: Provide limitations and practical recommendations of main findings.

References: All references should follow the journal rules.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.