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Journal Name:	International Journal of Environment and Climate Change
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJECC_109873
Title of the Manuscript:	The influence of dwarfing interstock on biometric growth parameters of apple
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u>	<p>Yes. Manuscript describes the effect of interstem on plant height and other vegetative traits. However, findings of the study have not discussed well. More importantly, it is not clear how many replicates you used for each treatment. You should have at least 5-7 replicates to make a valid conclusion.</p> <p>yes</p> <p>yes</p> <p>yes</p> <p>yes</p> <p>yes. Cited references are having different citation styles. Make them into single acceptable format</p>	
Minor REVISION comments 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	<p>yes</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>Results of the study has not described sufficiently. I suggest you consider each parameter you measured as a trait and compare against your treatments. Specilally with the control to illustrate,</p> <p>1.Effect of availability of interstem for measured parameters</p> <p>2. How different lengths of interstem affect above parameters</p> <p>To increase the clarity of methodology I prefer to have graphical illustration or photo regarding the different treatments</p> <p>I would like to know how many replicates you had from each treatment you done. Data in the tables indicates that you haven't had replicates. Without replicates you can't avoid environmental, genetic and other factors affects for the growth and you can't make valid conclusions.</p>	

PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u>	

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