

Review Form 1.6

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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	The results of the study should be properly discussed with older literature.	Discussion has been reviewed. Older litersture added
Minor REVISION comments	Certain sentences need to be rewritten for better clarity of the reader. Recent literature needs to be cited The references are not in format as per the Journal styling	Corrections in abstract have been made and highlighted The highlighted sentence in section 3.1 has been rewritten and highlighted Correction in Table 1 has been made and highlighted Recent literature has been cited in the discussion section
Optional/General comments		

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	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u> Authorization for this research was obtained from Kenyatta University (KU) graduate school, KU Ethics Review Committee and the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI). Kirinyaga County Director of Agriculture gave permission to collect data in Mwea irrigation scheme. Informed consent was sought from participants who were assured of confidentiality throughout the study. Those who were willing to participate by signing the informed consent form were recruited to participate in the study. Verbal permission was sought from them to take photographs and their confidentiality was guaranteed by not indicating their names on tomato samples taken for analysis. Participants were also assured that results obtained would be kept confidential and only used by the researcher for the intended purpose. Farmers who were not willing to participate in the study were assured of no victimization from any office.	The same ETHICAL/ APPROVAL was written in the manuscript that was submitted. I have written the same in this form..