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Title of the Manuscript:	Influence of Zeolite application on growth, yield and yield attributes of Finger millet (Eleusine coracana L.) in Rainfed condition
Type of the 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)
<b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments	<p>The manuscript presents the results of a set of field experiments, aiming to study the influence of doses of Zeolite and fertilizers on growth, yield and yield components of finger millet.</p> <p>In my view, rather than a research article, that could be quoted as “experimentation article”. The authors presented information on the levels of fertilizer and zeolite which led to higher growth (and other). That’s ok. But no mechanistic explanation for the results was given, which would be required in a classical research article. The authors, on the other hand, presented some speculation in the discussion, using the results of other authors on the physical (water retention) and chemical (N availability) properties of zeolite to explain their results. If the publishing policy of the IJPSS is open to such type of experimentation, that’s fine.</p> <p>The text needs a deep revision of English writing.</p> <p>The results were presented in three large a confuse tables. I would suggest some figures in order to make it clearer.</p> <p>Finally, the statistical procedure was not explained in the M&amp;M section. Alson, the statistical interpretation of the results in the tables were not clear, which make the difficult to follow the results and conclusions.</p>	<p>I Am grateful for your consideration of this manuscript, and I also very much appreciate your suggestions, which have been very helpful in improving the manuscript. I also thank the reviewer for their careful reading of our text.</p> <p>All the comments we received on this study have been taken into account in improving the quality of the article, and we present our reply to each of them separately. With regard to some of the corrections have been made and indicated by marking yellow colour in the word file itself. In abstract I have modified the things with respect to grammatical and some abbreviations clarity and in the introduction also given some reference and unit of expressions clearly. In some of the reasoning, speculations were almost removed by giving most appropriate reasons. And in the results supporting graphs were added to simplify the risk of understanding</p> <p><i>kharif</i>- (in South Asia) the autumn crop sown at the beginning of the summer rains.</p>
<b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments		
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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>	No comments been mentioned from Reviewers end