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This is important in order to relate, among other things, the effect on root length and diameter as well as other accessions**. 2. **INTRODUCTION**Authors : Four seeds of each accession were raised in pot**It should be stated in the abstract that the study was conducted using pot in a green/screen house**Authors :The characters like plant height, seed weight…..**-Kindly restate as: Growth and yield parameters like plant height, root architecture, seed weight and drop yield….**Hence, there is an utmost need to develop drought tolerant varieties to improve crop productivity especially under the changing climate **-Please use drought-tolerant here and in places where it is used as an adjective to describe something.****2.1** Estimation of Proline (μmol g-1)Authors :To create the sample extract, 0.5 grams of fresh leaf were blended…..**-I would prefer you saying: …0.5 grams of fresh leaf was blended…** **In this context, “grams” is used as a singular unit of measurement.**Authors : After adding 4 ml of toluene and thorough stirring, the toluene-containing chromatophore was gathered, brought to room temperature, and its absorbance at 520 nm**Using which device?****2.2** Estimation of Chlorophyll (mg g-1)Authors : W = fresh weight of tissue extracted**I am sorry, I do not see “W” in any of the equations as referenced****3.** RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**3.1** Assessment of VariabilityAuthors : The mean values of 50 genotypes for the characters namely, root length, shoot length, root diameter, total plant dry weight, root dry weight, proline content, total chlorophyll content, total phenol content are presented in Table 1 and Fig. 1. **The study was conducted just once. 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Generally, several trials are required inorder to make a sound conclusion.** **3.1.1** Root parametersAuthors : The genotypes IC 148530 and IC 395518 recorded longer root length under stress conditions. Under moisture stress condition,….**What do you mean by “stress conditions” and moisture stress conditions? If they are the same, please be consistent and use one.****Additionally, please indicate here, and in the manuscript the values obtained for these and other genotypes. For example, for shoot parameter, dry weight, root diameter, etc. when mentioning a genotype, please indicate the obtained value too.**Authors : Genotypes with superior root architecture will be able to avoid drought. **-Please allow me to disagree with the use of the word “avoid” in this sentence. Please use “tolerate”, or “have high tolerance under drought conditions”,…….** **Table 1.****Please rephrase heading as: Differences in morpho-physiological and biochemical characters of green gram germplasm under moisture stress conditions**I also do not think that the serial numer column is necessary in the Table 1.Fig. 1 is not readable and Y-axis not labeled. Difficult relating it to Table 1.**3.1.4 Correlation studies (Correlation findings would be better)**Authors : The character root length had maximum positive correlation with root diameter (0.949) followed by proline content (0.700) and root dry weight (0.636) while a significant negative correlation was observed with shoot length (-0.331)**This value** (-0.331) **should appear immediately after the word “correlation” Additionally, could you replace “character” with “variable”. “Character” soundsl more poetic.****Fig. 2.** Genotypic correlation of drought related characters in green gram**When a Fig. consists of more than one item, each should be labeled for ease of reference. Moreover, why do you present two types of correlation results? Different software present results in different styles and so care has to be taken during presentation. 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