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EDITORIAL COMMENT'S on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to editor's comments
<p>1) add reference</p> <p>2) no photo of field experiment attached.</p> <p>3) take proper justification from author why 2018 kharif experiment data published after 5 year.</p>	<p>Respected sir/ma'am, Thank you so much for your response. We highly appreciate your valuable comments. Here, we have mentioned the responses to your query:</p> <p>1. As per suggestion by reviewers, desired references have already been incorporated in the manuscript.</p> <p>2. The current study has been centred around genetic research; therefore, field photographs are not significantly relevant. Consequently, they have not been included in the manuscript. However, in accordance with your suggestion, photographs of field experimentation have been incorporated in the manuscript and highlighted with yellow colour.</p> <p>3. The present experiment was conducted in Kharif 2018, but publication delayed due to following reason:</p> <p>a. Due to my enrolment in the Ph.D. program at IARI, I, Manoj Kumar Patel, was unable to find the time to work on manuscript preparation.</p> <p>b. Following 2019, my M.Sc. research advisor, Dr. Dhirendra Singh, retired and became involved in other commitments, which consequently led to a delay in the manuscript review process.</p> <p>c. Furthermore, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic contributed to the postponement of its publication during this period.</p>