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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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The manuscript is scientifically important, the methodology is consistent and the results presented are interesting for further research. The title is suitable, but authors should add the scientific name of Mulberry Yes, the abstract of the article is comprehensive as it is summarising the aim of the study, the methodology, the study design and giving some key results Yes, subsections and manuscript structure are appropriate Yes, the manuscript is scientifically correct Authors need to add a reference about the economic importance of the crop. Also, the reference [18] is missed in the references section 	
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<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Authors should change keywords. I suggest: mulberry, variability, indigenous germplasm, growth and yield traits. Authors should add the genus and specie of mulberry (<i>Morus alba</i>) both in title and in the introduction Reference is needed about the economic importance of mulberry Authors should give more details about the economic importance of mulberry (areas cultivated, production...) If possible, authors could add in table 1, s name of localities from where they collected the 22 accessions and their GPS coordinates. The manuscript contains only tables and there is no figure. Authors could insert a map with the localities in order to give a graphic design to the manuscript. Reference [18] is missed in the references section 	

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