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| Journal Name: | International Journal of Environment and Climate Change |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_IJECC_120998 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Enhancement of Drought Tolerance and Plant Growth in Tomato by Trichoderma harzianum Seed Treatment |
| Type of the Article | Original Research Article |

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| <p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p> | <p>The topic addressed by the author is of a certain scientific quality that informs on the effect of <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> on the growth and development of crops. It can be noted for all the traits measured, the evaluated treatment involving <i>T. harzianum</i> in stress conditions records the best agromorphological performances. Very well structured and with clear writing style, this work contributes to scientific knowledge and could be a guide in the improvement of tomato yield in drought conditions. However, there are writing errors and some corrections that I suggest.</p> | |
| <p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> | <p>Yes</p> | |
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| <p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. =</p> | <p>References are sufficient and more of them are recent</p> | |
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