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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
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.	The study is relevant for future research, as it provides an overview of the technique, its advantages and disadvantages, as well as its importance. It should be noted that a review on the subject in question is not common (considering that the technique it is recent compared to soil fertilization and it needs more studies due to edaphoclimatic conditions). The review is well done, but it would be relevant to add more recent literature on agronomic biofortification and the possible results in terms of increases of the micronutrients in orchards. It's a highly relevant topic, which allows for short-term results and can be integrated into the farmer's normal routine. As the population grows, it's essential that we increase the quality of our food without depleting the soil's nutrient resources.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	Yes	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The article provides a comprehensive overview of the foliar application technique, mentioning its importance, as well as case studies, factors that influence its effectiveness and advantages and disadvantages. It also explores the guidelines to follow to carry out this practice successfully, comparing it with the commonly used practice of soil fertilization. Highlighting the main points of the technique in question. However, more recent studies are lacking for completeness.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	I suggest adding more recent articles to the introduction and the "case studies". Search for "agronomic biofortification in grapes or pears", as there are recent articles. It would also be interesting to show the increase in each case, the fertilizer, some additional information from the studies.	
Minor REVISION comments	Yes	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?		
Optional/General comments	The subject in question is very well explored in the most relevant aspects, and it is unusual for a review to cover all these topics. Also, improving fruit quality and considering the physiological functions of those micronutrients, it could be interesting to refer the benefits of consuming enriched fruit in human health. Well done!	

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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