

### **Editor's Comment:**

I have read reviewers' remarks and the revised manuscript and I am sorry to say that it can not be accepted for publication. Major issues have arisen such as

1. the authors do not state the concentration of Ca per product use (only for egg shell). How much Ca is there in calcium chloride and calcium nitrate? Overall the same Ca amount should be applied in all treatments through the use of 0.5% concentration.
2. what fertilization was applied in the plants? what was the control treatment? we do not have any data on soil properties, i.e. what was the Ca concentration in the substrate used?
3. in table 2 I see letters indicating statistical analysis but which test was used?
4. In table 2 the authors state that the height of the plant was 5.7 cm. This is not real!! How can a tomato plant of 5 cm produce fruits? What are the values in the parentheses? all these should be clearly stated in each table.
5. the yield of a tomato plant is too low to be under control conditions only 252 g. This could be just the weight of a single fruit. Please state some details on the tomato cultivar chosen (what is its mean fruit weight?),

For all the above reasons I suggest not to be accepted for publication.

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