

**Review Form 3**

Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Environment and Climate Change</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJECC_124334
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Rapid Screening of Traditional Rice Cultivars against Drought Using Tolerance Indices of Seedlings</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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### PART 1: Review Comments

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>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.</b>	The study consists of a comprehensive study on a large number of traditional rice cultivars and their quick screening based on tolerance indices to drought stress and recognises potential traditional rice cultivars with high mean tolerance indices showing direction for future studies on these rice cultivars as potentially drought tolerant varieties	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	The present title seems suitable for the present study	
<b>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.</b>	The abstract is well written which adequately summarises the the objective, methodology as well as results found from the study. However very minor changes need to be done to make it even better. (the changes are added as comments in the manuscript attached with this file)	
<b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b>	yes	
<b>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.</b>	The manuscript is scientifically well written. However, the material and methods section need some minor additions to make the methodology more clear. A few minor additions in discussion part will also help to get a better understanding of the results found from the study.	
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b> :	Many references used are old or too old. Recent references should be incorporated in the manuscript. Reference in the material methods section to back the methodology used might make the study more concrete. Reference, if any, to back certain results like increase of shoot dry weight under drought stress can help in better understanding of the findings in the study.	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	The language quality is suitable for scholarly communications.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	There is lack of citation in some parts of the introduction portion and few lines seem to be exact copy from certain papers. However, the overall quality of the research work is satisfactory and some corrections need to be incorporated to make it better for the readers. All the recommendations has been added as comments in the manuscript which is uploaded along with this file.	

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

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