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## Review Comments

### Compulsory REVISION comments

- **Abstract**: please correct T5. It is necessary to add some results (numbers).
- **Introduction**: paragraph 2.3 and 4 need references.
- **Material and methods**: correct the formula of Ca(Po4)2 to Ca3(Po4)2
  - 1- New humex (commercial name): correct 5 m /L
  - 2- Stem diameter (cm). at 10 (?)
  - 3- Potassium silicate: correct 10 m3/L
  - 4- Leaf area. following equation after (10) delete after
  - 5- Total assimilation area/transplant was calculated as = number : you have to delete was calculated as or =
  - Experimental design and statistical analysis must be in same paragraph, and the design of this experiment is factorial in complete randomized block design.
  - Number of lateral shoots existed in result and discussion but not existed in Vegetative growth measurements in material and methods.
  - Results and discussion:
    - leaf chemical composition ([Photosynthetic pigments (Chlorophyll A, B and carotenoids) and leaf mineral content of Washington navel orange scion are not included in this study so delete them.
    - *, ** refer to specific effect of citrus rootstock species and some growth stimulants, respectively
    - whereas means within each column or raw followed by the same capital letter/s didn't significantly differ at 5 % level. What about small letters? Using them like this is not clear to the reader, however within each column or raw!! It usually used within column.
    - Where is Duncan values?
    - Average leaf area (cm) and total assimilation area transplant (cm2):
    - Specific effect:
      Furthermore, other growth stimulant treatments recorded in between, ?? the sentence is not completed !!
      - Leaves dry weight (mg.). Correct to ( g)
      - Discussion of results is low, there is no explanation for the results why they got these results, and always use the reference in the same way, without details. As example: The present result is in accordance with those found by (17) and (20). What they found?
      - References: need to be arranged alphabetically in the reference list.
      - Reference 19 is repeated please correct. References 6 and 7 are not found in the text.

### Minor REVISION comments

- Results and discussion:
  - Discussing the result as specific and interaction effects separately it is not preferable in article, however in this article caused prolongation and repetition, thus no need to add title to each paragraph like A. Specific effect and B. Interaction effect, however, factorial experiment include each of them.
  - Tables titles are too long, no need to repeat all the experiment details, please shorten them as example: table 2: Plant height and stem diameter of Washington Navel orange transplants budded on two citrus rootstocks under some growth stimulants during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

### Optional/General comments

- The article needs deep reading in order to summarize and correct the mistakes caused by speed and prolongation.