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Type of the Article	**Short communication**

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	Reviewer's comment	**Author's comment** *(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)*
Compulsory REVISION comments	**1. What is meant by the statement "to develop the maximum number of branches and fruits" in the "Abstract" section. The sentence is completely improper and needs modification.** **2. The effect of spacing must be studied on other important parameters like root length, leaf area, chlorophyll etc.** **3. Table 1 & 2 should be explained graphically using appropiate statistical analysis.** **4. The most serious limitation of this paper is that there are no control setup (positive or negative) against each treatments. Without proper control, the experiments appears to be completely invalid and conclusion is also inappropriate. Provide controls in your study and compare it with the treatments to draw a valid conclusion.** **5. What is "a, ab, b, c, d" mentioned in the graphs??? Clarify it** **6. Every graphs given in the manuscript are without statistical analysis. There are no error bars. Standard deviation (SD) also has not been shown… This is a major fault.. Provide appropiate statistical parameters in the revised manuscript.** **7. "Discussion" part is missing in your manuscript. Include the "Discussion" section in the revised manuscript citing appropiate references. How your work is similar or different with the same kind of works that has already been performed globally with other plants?** **8. Materials and Methods section should be rewritten clearly and citing appropiate references.**	The statement is modified and incorporated into the text Agreed, these are important parameters that could be taken into consideration in future studies with broader scope than ours. Further statistical analysis was done and incorporated, but the tables were maintained as required in "short communication articles" Yes, there was no control setup because the objective of our study was not to compare the positive or negative against the different treatments. The objective of our study was to evaluate the effects of different planting spacing on yield and growth. The idea of control setup would have altered the objective and scope of our study and effectively defeat the purpose of the study. Agreed, the necessary corrections have been made and incorporated accordingly The discussion was done separately for each of the parameters discussed in the study. And in most cases, our results were compared to the results obtained by different authors that carried out similar works and appropriate references were cited where necessary. The Materials and Methods section have been modified and updated with new citations and reference materials.
Minor REVISION comments	1. Well drained sandy loamy soils has been used for the study. Has the same study be performed in other soil types? Explain.. Also explain whether the specific soil type accelerates the growth of Capsicum annuum more than other soil varieties citing appropiate references? 2. Mention the climatic conditions of the region used for the study. 3. Provide physical and chemical characteristics of the soil separately in detail. 4. The legends of each figure is too short to understand. Legends should be self explanatory. Rewrite them in the revised manuscript. 5. Grammatical and punctuation errors, improper grammatical construction of sentences has been noticed numerous times in the manuscript. Please take care of them for its acceptance in the journal. Also please consider a native English editing service/author to correct all grammatical errors found throughout the text.	To avoid ambiguity and giving too much importance to the composition of the soil, we have decided to modify/change the phrase "well-drained sandy loam and replaced it with "sandy loamy soil" The region has a sub-tropical climate as highlighted in the Materials and Methods section. The physical and chemical properties of the soil were captured in the Soil sample analysis carried out in the laboratory. Noted and modified All necessary corrections have been observed and corrected accordingly

Optional/General comments	Overall my suggesation is "**SERIOUS MAJOR REVISION**" for the manuscript.	A general revision was made and many of the recommendations were observed and acted upon accordingly

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	**Author's comment** *(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)*
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