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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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## **PART 1:** Review Comments

	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	<ol> <li>The following references are found in the text, eg. CONAB (2018) [2] –UPPER case and some are eg Dutra (2014) [4], - sentence case. Therefore make them unique/ uniformity and keep consistency in fonts.</li> <li>Analysis of variance was done, BUT the design was not given. Hopefully it is a 4 x 4 factorial design with four temperatures and the four genotypes. Data were collected at four different sites. Therefore please get advice from a biometrician for analysis.</li> <li>Table 1 was not referred in the text</li> <li>Table 2 was referred after the table appeared in the text</li> <li>Table 2 shows the Comparisons (test T) among three genotypes of the PIONEIRA LTDA, but the table contains six genotypes?????? Confused.</li> <li>In the abstract it stated that 'Were supplied six cultivars of the PIONEIRA LTDA. (PIONEIRA HS-9, PIONEIRA HS-14i, PIONEIRA ROBUSTO), to perform the experiment, in addition to the commercial cultivar BRS 3040', BUT in the material methods stated that' Where used in the experiment, which made available three seed genotypes: PIONEIRA HS-9, PIONEIRA ROBUSTO, PIONEIRA HS-14i and the commercial witness BRS 3040, a cultivar from Embrapa' CONFUSION/ misunderstanding/ mistake.?????</li> <li>In the germination test, four repetitions of 50 seeds were taken. Why 4????? Give a reason for the replication.</li> <li>The seedling length test was done in four replicates of ten maize seeds. In the germination test, four repetitions of 50 seeds were taken. How the sampling was done. ????</li> </ol>	
Minor REVISION comments	Revisions has to be done as above comments	
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