

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58557

Title: PHYTOSANITARY SURVEY IN CITRUS PRODUCTION UNITS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF APORÃ , INHAMBUPE, AND SÃ TIRO DIAS

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		x		
Techn. Quality			x	
Clarity		x		
Significance			x	

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This manuscript presents a timely phytosanitary survey of citrus production units in three municipalities of Bahia, Brazil, addressing an important topic for regional agriculture and pest management. However, several significant issues require major revision. The methodology lacks critical details regarding the selection criteria for the 137 Production Units, potentially introducing sampling bias. The survey protocol section is incomplete, as it references Figures 2, 3, and 4 that are not clearly presented in the manuscript. The 7-week gap between May and August visits may have missed important pest activity periods. The results are descriptive only, with no statistical analysis comparing pest frequencies across municipalities or identifying factors influencing pest occurrence. Additionally, the early use of "2.2" for the phytosanitary survey section while "3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION" follows suggests structural disorganization requiring correction. The discussion requires deeper engagement with regional management implications and comparisons with similar surveys in neighboring areas. Figures 2-6 are referenced but lack clear, self-explanatory captions. With substantial revisions addressing these methodological and presentation concerns, this work could make a meaningful contribution to regional citrus health management.