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PART 1:

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Title of the Manuscript:	Evaluation of the relative weed competitiveness of some lowland rice varieties in Sierra Leone.

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The authors revised and improved the paper, and also defended some points. Just few suggestions. After incorporating, the paper will be in acceptable form. 1. Add one concluding line at the end of Abstract 2. Please write ANOVA in table 2 heading in place of ANOVAR 3. In result section write <i>P</i> in place of p and also put zero before decimal 4. Rewrite conclusion, I suggest following conclusion but you have to think red lines again. Gave suitable recommendations. You did mostly screening study not breeding study, so suggest accordingly. Enhancing LAI and high tillering parameters need more input, that link to economic conditions of poor farmers. So please give careful suggestions. The rice varieties NERICA L19, NERICA L20, and WAS 57-B-B-17-3-3-6-TGR 20 has shown encouraging response and appear competitive enough against weeds with better growth, yield and yield components. These varieties can be introduced and multiplied in the area for improving farmers' income and reducing herbicide usage. Increasing LAI and tiller number will result in more competitive rice varieties. The high yielding varieties such as ROK10 and NERICA L38 has shown very low competition. Their further improvement for competitiveness through breeding efforts is suggested. Based on results of present findings, it can be suggested that screening and breeding to increase the competitiveness of highly productive rice plant types could be possible without significantly affecting yields. Breeding for weed suppressive rice varieties should be carried out under weedy condition. 5. Reference and citation style: I again suggest you to please check sample paper of the journal, the reference and citation is different in the paper as you adopted	Added. Corrections done and conclusion written as suggested.. According to the guide for (SDI) we are told not to use zero (0) before the decimal point for statistical values P because P cannot equal to 1 The reference and citation is according to the guide provided to use this time. Yes it is different from previous ones. Thanks for your observations, comments and contributions.