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PART 1:

Journal Name:	American Journal of Experimental Agriculture
Manuscript Number:	2013_AJEA_3181
Title of the Manuscript:	Susceptibility of some dry date cultivars to infestation by <i>Oryzaephilus surinamensis</i> L.

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PART 2: 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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	(i) Language The article cannot be published without correction and revision of the grammar and style in English. In some instances the text is not understandable. The poor quality of English prevents to evaluate the scientific value of the submitted manuscript. I am listing only a few example because errors are possible to find in almost every sentence: 1. English name of the model species: English name of the model species is usually the "sawtoothed grain beetle". The used form in the article "saw teethe beetle" is wrong also grammatically. 2. The third sentence in the Abstract: The laboratory evaluation cleared... Did the authors means indicated or shown instead of cleared? There are other mistakes in this sentence. 3. Capitalization. Most of cases of capitalization used in the article is correct. However, I do not understand why for example is capitalized "Ash content". 4. It should be written "people" and "popole". 5. The meaning of some sentences is not possible to understand. For example: "The obtained dates were analysed through Master programs⁴". Do authors speak about dates or about data?	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	(ii) Overgeneralizations	



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1. The text should avoid over-generalizations. For example the second sentence in Abstract should list physical and chemical parameters tested instead of using "some". The sentence is wrong also grammatically.

(iii) Writing scientific names of species.

Scientific name of each species should be accompanied by the author name of its description in the first appearance in the text. For example, in the second paragraph of Introduction are listed names of pest attacking dates. The author of description is listed only in the last species (*Lasioderma serricorne* (F.)). Why not in others?

(iv) Using abbreviations

Abbreviations of the used measurement units should be international standard. For example, unit of weight (gram) is officially abbreviated "g" and not "gm". Degree of Celsius is written °C and not °c. Followed should be also the rules for the use of abbreviations. For example, it should be written 500 ml and not 500ml, and 9 cm instead 9cm.

Authors should explain how they chose the tested cultivars and the rationale of the used statistical methods?



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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	I am proposing to re-evaluate the MS after the proper language revision.	
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