

This paper presents some interesting data, although its approach to the study of NUE is quite conservative.

I think the text needs minor corrections (verbs; definite and indefinite articles). See for instance pp.49,50,90,100,206.

[Yes, I have corrected them]

In **M&M** some environmental data should be included (temperature, photoperiod, rainfall). If possible, the life cycle of the plants should be mentioned.

[Yes, I have added environmental data]

In **Results Discussion** it is worth mentioning that in NUE not only *pos-an thesis N-uptake*, but *also pré-anthesis N-accumulation and pos-an thesis N-remobilization have to be taken into consideration* (lines 203 -204).

[In most papers I have read, suggested that genotypes characterized high NUE are have high N-remobilization for post an thesis N uptake]

It deserves to be mentioned (for the sake of future studies) that grain number, thousand grain wt., HI and N-utilization efficiency were the only parameters affected by N-supply in Madura, a variety otherwise impervious to the effects of N-fertilization.

[Yes, I have added the explanation that Madura as old variety compared to newer varieties (hybrids) is good model plant for described traits related to NUE].

In **Conclusions** it should be worth highlight the high N-use efficiency of **Bisma**, an open pollinated variety.

[Yes, I have revised the conclusion section and Bisma is one of the potential genetic materials for developing tolerant low-N genotypes].

Check if all the References were included!

[Yes, I have check them were included]

I think the paper can be published, with some minor modifications.

[Thank you for your comments]