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Title of the Manuscript:	Effects of Shoot Tip and Flower Removal on Growth and Yield of Spider Plant (Cleome Gynandra L.) in Kenya
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Ethical issues Yes: The increase in yield after flower removal	The reviewer's comment is not fully understood. The results presented in the manuscript are those from the data recorded during the field experiments. Other studies have corroborated these findings. As the manuscript states: "[The increase in yield for plants with flower removal] demonstrates the significance of flowers as resource sinks in plants. When flowers are removed, resources continue to be utilized for vegetative growth of the plant, whereas if flowers are left intact, resources are re-allocated to the reproductive structures, decreasing vegetative growth [30,31]." If further action should be taken, please specify.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
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