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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: 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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The manuscript contains valuable data on morphological variability in Palestinian grapevine cultivars; however, I have one important comment on the manuscript. In Figure 1 where UPGMA results are presented, it has to be clearly stated in materials and methods, which characteristics were used as inputs for dendrogram construction. moreover, any statistics of the branching points (nodes) in the dendrogram is missing. I know bootstrap values - some analogy has to be provided in the dendrogram, otherwise, it is just an illustration without any scientific value. Minor comments: In keywords, UPGMA should be written in full words, i.e., "Unweighted pair-group method" Formal comments (linguistic comments). Abstract, line 10: Insert "they" in the sentence "...they could be potentially incorporated..." Line 15: Use "crops" instead of "crop" in the sentence "Grape (Vitis vinifera L.) is one of the most ancient horticultural crops worldwide." Line 20: Insert a comma before the word "especially" Line 27: Use "had" instead of "were" in the sentence "...since many of our local cultivars had already disappeared."	Comment 1: In the materials and methods; number of characteristics that used as an input for dendrogram construction were modified in yellow colour as the following: (from the 39 quantitative and qualitative traits). Comment 2: Actually, there are many ways to present the dendrogram. The reviewer comment could be right if the table of the similarity index is not included. However, the table of the similarity matrix (Table 6; Jaccard's distance index) is already included in the manuscript, therefore this could easily cover the bootstrap values. Comment 3: UPGMA in the keywords: Well...It is keywords!!! I don't think that it is wise to add the whole sentence since it is already written in other places in the manuscript. In addition, revising the similar published works, UPGMA seems to be commonly used as it is. Comment 3:



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	Line 99: use “were” instead of “was” in the sentence “..except from three parameters...(....) that were found to be constant...” Line 104: Insert a comma before the word “especially” Line 113: Correct the word order in the sentence “...could be potentially incorporated to both local and...” Lien 118: Insert “a” before the words “useful source”, i.e., “a useful source for future breeding” Line 134: Correct the abbreviation “UPGMA” (not “UBGMA”) Line 136: Correct the verb form “seems to exist” (not “useems to be exist”) Line 138: Insert a comma before the word “respectively” Line 151: Modify the sentence as follows: “Based on our similarity results, a number of local colored-table-grape genotypes might decrease, which, thereby, will save time and efforts for any future breeding program.”	<u>Linguistics:</u> All of the proposed linguistics were changes and highlighted in yellow colour.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		