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#### **A. Relevance of the paper.**

##### **1. Previous publication of the material**

☒ No

☐ Yes. What and where.....

#### **B. Scientific and practical importance of the data**

☐ High

☒ Adequate

☐ Low

#### **C. Scientific quality**

##### **1. Are the data in this manuscript new?**

☒ Yes

☐ No.

Comments:.....

##### **2. Is the manuscript clearly written and well-organized?**

☒ Yes

☐ No. Comments:.....

**3. Are the Abstract and the Key words adequate?**

☒ Yes

☐ No. Suggestions: .....

**4. Does the Introduction state the present knowledge and aim of the research?**

☒ Yes

☐ No. Comments: .....

**5. Materials, methods, and study design**

☒ Adequate (as for a Research Note)

☐ Improvement needed. Suggestions:.....

☐ Inadequate. Comments: .....!

**6. Results and Discussion**

☒ Properly drawn with regard to methods and data

☐ Should be adjusted – Suggestions: .....

☐ Insufficiently supported – Comments: .....

**7. Are the tables , figures titles, and legends presented well and necessary?**

☒ Yes

☐ Improvement needed.

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**8. Data and statistical treatment**

☒ Adequate

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☒ Yes

☐ No. Suggestions: .....

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☒ The paper should be published as it is now, or with minor editorial changes

☐ The paper could be published after minor revision, and need not be re-reviewed

☐ The paper could be accepted after major revision according to the comments

☐ Rejected

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The manuscript is quite interesting and the data provided, although limited, well analysed and discussed. The information provided are of practical interest in the propagation of *Plumeria rubra* and, hence, the paper is suitable for the publication on POP as a Research Note. Moreover, the manuscript is clear and written in a good English style. I have no corrections to propose, with the exception of the following minor editorial changes:

- Line 32: the citation “Eggenberger and Eggenberger” is reported in the text as “2000” and in the References as “2005”. Correct where appropriate.
- Line 41: change “.....1994). No research.....” with “.....1994), no research....”.
- Line 59: correct with “.....temperature of  $28\pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ .” (without brackets).