

Reviewer Recommendation and Comments for Manuscript JPOP743 titled “Micropropagation of *Rhododendron keiskei* var. *hypoglaucum* Suto & Suzuki and assessment of clonal fidelity of plantlets by RAPD”.

Line 28: How was this determined that Rhododendrons are among the most important woody landscape plants? Is this based on production numbers? What is the criteria and citation?

Line 62: Add ‘d’ to end of ‘evaluate’

Line 66: Delete ‘the’ prior to ‘rocky’

Line 69: Explain what ‘Teepol solution’ is and cite source.

Line 70: Suggest changing ‘decontaminated’ to ‘surface disinfested’

Line 75: Suggest dropping 0 from 5.70. It is doubtful that pH was consistently measured to 5.70, more likely measure to 5.70 ± 0.02 or something like this.

Line 80: Cite product number of fluorescent lamps.

Line 94(5): Describe ‘Tosilee medium’. Please give components and volume measures of each component. Citation?

Line 95: Suggest deleting ‘alternative’

Line 108: Add hyphen between ‘Sixty’ and ‘four’

Line 110: Change bold font on ‘)’ following ‘9700’.

Line 119: Suggest adding ‘surface’ prior to ‘disinfestation’.

Line 132: Add ‘significantly’ after ‘L⁻¹’ and ‘increased’

Line 136: Add ‘s’ to ‘result’

Line 140(1): Suggest adding ‘other’ following ‘on’ and before ‘Rhododendron’

Line 155: Add comma following ‘For rooting’

Line 158: Add space after ‘R.’ and before ‘*dalhousiae*’

Include scale bars on all figures, except Fig 3.