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Granted its written a little different, but Table 1 is identical. Table 2 has the same headings and growth regulator concentrations, but the figures have been changed for Shoot number, shoot length, root number and fresh weight, Dry wt. is as published. This is rather strange. In the POP paper there is a two line Table 3, not in the published previously and also Fig 1. Not previously published. It make sense to me to abridge this review at this stage as there is simply too much “carry over” material……………………………………………………...

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**□** Adequate

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**□** Yes

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