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*Dear Editor,*

The manuscript entitled "**Contribution of agronomic traits to the yield of** *Coffea canephora* **Pierre ex A. Froehner hulled coffee**" is attached for your consideration. All authors agree to the publication of this work, which is original and has not previously been submitted for publication.

To our knowledge this manuscript brings an unprecedented contribution of the characterization of the morphological descriptors of genotypes of the *C. canephora* varieties. Even the registration of new varieties of *C. canephora*, is not yet carried out with descriptors of the species itself, but based on morphological descriptors of *C. arabica*.  The work is distinguished by the simultaneous use of morphological characters related to the yield of grains benefited based on the intrinsic characteristics of *C.canephora* botanical varieties.

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Sincerely,

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