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Journal Name:	<b>International Journal of Plant &amp; Soil Science</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_IJPSS_103882</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Characterization and classification of soils in a toposequence of the semi-arid basaltic landscape of western India</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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