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Title of the Manuscript:	Forest Biodiversity and livelihood of tribal people in North Western Himalaya with special reference to Himachal Pradesh
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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The article gave a clear description of the Himalayan region's (specifically the North-Western area) geographical location in the world, its people characteristics, its vegetation biodiversity, its land latitude, and the value of its forests to the indigenous tribal communities. In the section "Status and Livelihood of Tribal People of North Western Himalayas" you provide a comprehensive discussion of the existing body of knowledge (research literatures) in Table 1 to support your findings. However, to assist your audience to better understand context of the material and keep engage with your narrative I suggest the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide the definition for "NTFPs" (I believed is Non-Timber Forest Products) on the first use of the terminology in the paper and then you can use the acronym in the rest of the article. -Provide brief definitions for ethno-botanical and ethno-medicinal in the Introduction section. -Elaborate on the important role of NTFPs currently for rural/tribal people and how commercializing NTFPs will enhance indigenous tribal communities' livelihood/wellbeing in the future. -Provide a definition for agro-climatic conditions (I believed it mainly refer to soil types, rainfall, temperature, and water availability; which influence the type vegetations) 	

PART 2:

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<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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