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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>Yes, the manuscript is carrying valuable information for scientific community, especially it is providing information on medicinal uses of several medicinal plants reported from Himalaya region. In fact the information is a kind of compendium of useful medicinal plants of India. I suggest the title as "Review of Medicinal Plant Diversity of Himachal Pradesh, India". The manuscript is simply review of previous works related to medicinal plants of Himachal Pradesh.</p> <p>Yes, the abstract of the manuscript is comprehensive.</p> <p>No, the authors omitted materials and methods, results and discussion sections which are very important in any research or review article. The manuscript is scientifically not correct.</p> <p>References are sufficient and except few, most of them are recent works.</p> <p>Additional suggestions/comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The authors would have been presented the data in graphical form for better understanding of the diversity of the medicinal plants in Himachal Pradesh. 2. Though many references are included, some of them are very old works. 3. The real meaning of 'livelihood' of plants is not meeting the article. 4. Medicinal uses of 132 plant species mentioned in various works is taken randomly and organized in to a table in the current article. From this merely listing of medicinal plants, the article is lacking of intention of the presentation of the data. 5. From the conclusion part, what message is giving to the scientific community, is not clear. 6. While compiling the medicinal plant information, the authors considered only part of information of respective published work. For example, out of 7 Allium species mentioned in the article "Diversity, distribution and indigenous uses of wild edible plants used by the tribal community (Pangwal) in Pangji valley, Chamba of Himachal Pradesh, North- Western Himalaya", by Prakash et al. 2020, only 04 species information has been included in the current article. 7. With reference the term 'livelihood' used the title, no much information mentioned in the article except 'medicinal uses' 8. Part wise specific uses have been mentioned in referred article (Example the results published by Supriya et al. 2022 mentioned "Ripe fruit was used to cure bleeding piles, wounds of urinary tract. Seeds were used as a paste to treat ringworm. Leaves were consumed to treat asthma, abortion, leaf paste was used to dressing wounds, jaundice. Stem or bark used to cure sore teeth"). In the current article it is mentioned as "Used for the treatment of asthma, jaundice, bleeding piles, abortion, urinary tract infection, wounds and sore teeth". 	
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