

Assessment of Physico-Chemical Properties of Soil from Different Blocks of Sahibganj district, Jharkhand, India

ABSTRACT

An evaluation of physico-chemical properties of 27 soil samples from 3 different blocks i.e., Sahibganj, Borio and Taljhari of Sahibganj district (Jharkhand) in different depths (0–15, 15–30 and 30–45 cm) was carried out during ~~the year of 2022~~. Soil samples were analyzed using standard laboratory techniques and statistical analysis. The treatments (???????) in the study were arranged in a Completely Randomized Design. The bulk density of the soils varied from 1.13 to 1.53 Mg m⁻³, while the particle density ranged from 2.24 to 2.69 Mgm⁻³. The percentage of pore space was between 36.88 and 49.55% and water holding capacity was between 31.11 and 44.71%. Soil pH varied from 6.28 to 7.90 which was neutral to slightly saline with soil EC ranged 0.02-0.64 dS m⁻¹ that would significantly affect for better crop production. In the case of the organic carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus content of research area was found to be low to medium while the range of Potassium was sufficient ranging from 176.34 to 271.77 kg ha⁻¹. In these areas recommended fertilizer doses should be applied as per soil test crop response to prevent yield losses due to deficiency of nutrients.

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INTRODUCTION

Soil is a dynamic, 3-dimensional natural body of the landscape developed from the weathering of rocks through various pedogenic processes, consisting of mineral and organic constituents processing a definite set of physical, chemical and biological properties, having a variable depth covering the surface of earth & providing a medium for growth of the terrestrial plant (Verma *et al.*,2019). The global drive for sustainable agricultural systems involves optimizing agricultural resources to satisfy human needs and at the same time maintaining the quality of the environment and sustaining natural resources. The concept of soil health and soil quality has consistently evolved with an increase in the understanding of soils and soil quality attributes. The deficiency of nutrients has become major constraint to productivity, stability and sustainability of soils (Chaudhary *et al.*,2013).

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Soil quality encompasses many properties and processes as the structural stability of the aggregates water retention capacity of soils and capability of nutrient cycling. Of the several elements known to be essential for plant growth, macronutrients nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium (N, P, K) because of imbalanced and inadequate fertilizer are coupled with low

efficiency of other inputs, the response (production) efficiency of chemical fertilizer nutrients has declined rapidly under intensive agriculture in recent years. (Singh *et al.*, 2017).

Sahibganj district encompasses northern Gangetic plains to the borders of Bengal in the South. This district contains Rajmahal hills and other ranges and a large part of the district is hilly. The vast tract of land enclosed between hill ranges had been assigned a name Damin-I-koh which is a Persian word means skirts of the hills. The region on the banks of the Ganges is fertile and richly cultivated. The district may be divided into two natural areas/division on the basis of geographical location and cultivable land. First region consists of Borio, Mandro, Barhait, Pathna and Taljhari which lies under Damin-I-koh area. The hills and slopes are covered with forests and valleys have cultivable lands yielding mostly paddy. The second region consists of Sahibganj, Udhwa and Barharwa blocks. The Ganges, Gumani and Bnsloi rivers flow through this region. This area has plenty of fertile lands and is richly cultivated. Clayey loam type alluvial soil occurs near Sahibganj plains. The study aimed to evaluate the physico-chemical properties of 27 soil samples from 3 different blocks of Sahibganj, Borio and Taljhari of Sahibganj district (Jharkhand) in different depths.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sahibganj is located on the north-east of Jharkhand and situated on the banks of Ganges. It lies between 25°23'81''N latitude and 87°64'54'' E longitude and is located at an average elevation of 77 m above the mean sea level. The total land area of the district is 1599.00 sq. km. A large part of the district is hilly. The region on the bank of the Ganges is fertile and richly cultivated. The area for the research study involves 3 blocks of Sahibganj district *i.e.*, Sahibganj, Borio and Taljhari. Soil samples were collected during kharif season of 2021 from 9 different villages of 3 blocks of Malda district in 3 different depths *i.e.*, 0-15 cm, 15-30 cm and 30-45 cm by the help of auger and khurpi. Soil samples were analysed using different standard laboratory techniques and statistical analysis in the of using Completely Randomized Design (CRD). Bulk Density, Particle Density, Porosity and Water Retaining Capacity were measured by the help of Muthuaval *et al.*, (1992); method using graduated measuring cylinder. Colours of soil samples were determined by using Munsell Colour Chart and Textural classes were assessed by using Bouyoucos Hydrometer. Chemical properties such as Soil pH (1:2) and Electrical Conductivity (1:2) were determined by Digital pH Meter and Digital Conductivity Meter respectively. Soil organic Carbon was evaluated by Wet Oxidation method given by Walkley and Black (1947). Estimation of Nitrogen was done by Alkaline KMnO₄ Method of Subbiah and Asija (1956). Assessment of Phosphorus was completed by using Photometric Colorimeter (Olsen *et al.*, 1954) and Potassium by Flame Photometer while heavy metals were determined using DTPA method (Lindsey and Norvell, 1978).

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Clearly state the treatments, parameters for data collection and the ANOVA.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Physical properties of soil:

Bulk density ($Mg\ m^{-3}$)

Table 1 ~~and fig. 1 depicts~~ the maximum bulk density was recorded in Rampur village of Taljhari blocks (B_3V_2) 1.51, 1.53 and 1.53 $Mg\ m^{-3}$ at depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm and minimum bulk density recorded in Makhmalpur village of Sahibganj blocks (B_1V_3) is 1.13, 1.17 and 1.18 $Mg\ m^{-3}$ You need to discuss!!!!!!

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Particle density ($Mg\ m^{-3}$)

Table 1 ~~and fig. 1 depicts~~ that the maximum particle density was found in Lilatanr (B_2V_1) is 2.65, 2.67 and 2.69 $Mg\ m^{-3}$ with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm and the minimum particle density found in Makhmalpur (B_1V_3) is 2.24, 2.26 and 2.30 $Mg\ m^{-3}$ with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm. You need to discuss!!!!!!

Percent Pore Space (%)

Table 1 ~~and fig. 1 depicts~~ that the maximum percent pore space found in village Hajipur (B_1V_2) is 49.55, Kodarjana (B_1V_1) is 48.47 and Makhmalpur (B_1V_3) is 49.14 % at depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm. The minimum percent pore space found in village

Rampur (B_3V_2) 37.60, 37.29 and 36.88% with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm. You need to discuss!!!!!!

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Water Holding Capacity (%)

The table 1 ~~and fig. 1 depicted~~ that maximum water holding capacity (%) found in Hajipur (B_1V_2) is 44.71, 43.29 and 42.96 % at depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm. The minimum value of water holding capacity (%) found in Gutibara (B_3V_3), Rampur (B_3V_2) and Rampur (B_3V_2) 31.18, 31.23 and 31.11 % at depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively. So what????

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Table 1: Bulk density, particle density, pore Space and water holding capacity of soil at different depths

<u>Name of Village and Farmer's</u>	<u>Bulk density ($Mg\ m^{-3}$)</u>	<u>Particle density ($Mg\ m^{-3}$)</u>	<u>Pore Space (%)</u>	<u>Water holding capacity (%)</u>
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

Field		<u>0-15</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>15-30</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>30-45</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>0-15</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>15-30</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>30-45</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>0-15</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>15-30</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>30-45</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>0-15</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>15-30</u> <u>cm</u>	<u>30-45</u> <u>cm</u>
Sahibganj (B1)	B1V1	<u>1.15</u>	<u>1.18</u>	<u>1.20</u>	<u>2.27</u>	<u>2.29</u>	<u>2.32</u>	<u>49.33</u>	<u>48.47</u>	<u>48.27</u>	<u>43.97</u>	<u>42.51</u>	<u>42.13</u>
	B1V2	<u>1.19</u>	<u>1.22</u>	<u>1.22</u>	<u>2.35</u>	<u>2.36</u>	<u>2.39</u>	<u>49.36</u>	<u>48.30</u>	<u>48.05</u>	<u>44.71</u>	<u>43.29</u>	<u>42.96</u>
	B1V3	<u>1.13</u>	<u>1.17</u>	<u>1.18</u>	<u>2.24</u>	<u>2.26</u>	<u>2.30</u>	<u>49.55</u>	<u>48.23</u>	<u>49.14</u>	<u>42.79</u>	<u>41.49</u>	<u>40.48</u>
Borio (B2)	B2V1	<u>1.51</u>	<u>1.52</u>	<u>1.52</u>	<u>2.65</u>	<u>2.67</u>	<u>2.69</u>	<u>43.01</u>	<u>41.41</u>	<u>40.89</u>	<u>40.14</u>	<u>40.78</u>	<u>39.48</u>
	B2V2	<u>1.36</u>	<u>1.38</u>	<u>1.38</u>	<u>2.56</u>	<u>2.57</u>	<u>2.57</u>	<u>46.87</u>	<u>46.30</u>	<u>46.30</u>	<u>40.30</u>	<u>39.28</u>	<u>39.03</u>
	B2V3	<u>1.31</u>	<u>1.35</u>	<u>1.37</u>	<u>2.54</u>	<u>2.56</u>	<u>2.61</u>	<u>48.42</u>	<u>47.26</u>	<u>47.05</u>	<u>39.09</u>	<u>38.28</u>	<u>38.07</u>
Taljhari (B3)	B3V1	<u>1.49</u>	<u>1.51</u>	<u>1.52</u>	<u>2.51</u>	<u>2.52</u>	<u>2.55</u>	<u>40.63</u>	<u>40.07</u>	<u>40.03</u>	<u>35.52</u>	<u>34.27</u>	<u>34.16</u>
	B3V2	<u>1.51</u>	<u>1.53</u>	<u>1.53</u>	<u>2.42</u>	<u>2.44</u>	<u>2.47</u>	<u>37.60</u>	<u>37.29</u>	<u>36.88</u>	<u>32.12</u>	<u>31.23</u>	<u>31.11</u>
	B3V3	<u>1.47</u>	<u>1.49</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>2.52</u>	<u>2.53</u>	<u>2.53</u>	<u>41.66</u>	<u>41.10</u>	<u>40.71</u>	<u>33.18</u>	<u>32.22</u>	<u>32.08</u>
F- test		<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>
S.Em. (±)		<u>0.035</u>	<u>0.023</u>	<u>0.026</u>	<u>0.024</u>	<u>0.035</u>	<u>0.038</u>	<u>0.044</u>	<u>0.903</u>	<u>0.671</u>	<u>0.717</u>	<u>0.525</u>	<u>0.464</u>
C. D. (P =0.05)		<u>0.106</u>	<u>0.069</u>	<u>0.077</u>	<u>0.073</u>	<u>0.106</u>	<u>0.113</u>	<u>0.131</u>	<u>2.684</u>	<u>1.996</u>	<u>2.131</u>	<u>1.140</u>	<u>1.379</u>

Chemical properties

Soil pH (w/v):

The table 2 and fig. 2 depicted that the maximum pH values with recorded in Makhmalpur (B₁V₃), Lilatanr (B₂V₁) and Lilatanr (B₂V₁) is 7.53, 7.90 and 7.90 at the depths of 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm and the maximum pH values with recorded Pathlahra (B₂V₃), Rampur (B₃V₂) and Kodarjana (B₁V₁) is 6.30, 6.55 and 6.58 at the depths of 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively. You need to discuss!!!!!!

Electrical Conductivity EC (dS m⁻¹):

The table 2 and fig. 2 depicted that the soil sample from Hajipur (B₁V₂) had the highest EC values which is 0.61, 0.64 and 0.65 ds m⁻¹ at depths of 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively and the soil sample from Pathlahra (B₂V₃) had the lowest EC values which is 0.02, 0.05 and 0.05 ds m⁻¹ at depths of 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively. You need to discuss!!!!!!

Organic carbon (%):

Table 2 and fig. 2 shows the maximum value of organic carbon percent recorded in soils of Jetkumarjori (B₂V₂) 0.483%, Jetkumarjori (B₂V₂) 0.477% and Jetkumarjori (B₂V₂) 0.471 % in with depth of 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm and minimum values were recorded in soils of Pathlahra (B₂V₃) 0.416%, Pathlahra (B₂V₃) 0.409% and Brindaban (B₃V₁) 0.347 % respectivel. with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively.

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Table 2: pH, EC and organic carbon of soil at different depths.

<u>Name of Village and Farmer's Field</u>		<u>pH(w/v)</u>			<u>EC (dS m⁻¹)</u>			<u>Organic carbon (%)</u>		
		<u>0-15 cm</u>	<u>15-30 cm</u>	<u>30-45 cm</u>	<u>0-15 cm</u>	<u>15-30 cm</u>	<u>30-45 cm</u>	<u>0-15 cm</u>	<u>15-30 cm</u>	<u>30-45 cm</u>
<u>Sahibganj</u> <u>(B₁)</u>	<u>B₁V₁</u>	<u>6.44</u>	<u>6.65</u>	<u>6.58</u>	<u>0.36</u>	<u>0.38</u>	<u>0.33</u>	<u>0.457</u>	<u>0.451</u>	<u>0.448</u>
	<u>B₁V₂</u>	<u>6.70</u>	<u>6.80</u>	<u>6.80</u>	<u>0.61</u>	<u>0.64</u>	<u>0.65</u>	<u>0.425</u>	<u>0.419</u>	<u>0.414</u>
	<u>B₁V₃</u>	<u>7.53</u>	<u>7.68</u>	<u>7.61</u>	<u>0.22</u>	<u>0.27</u>	<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.449</u>	<u>0.442</u>	<u>0.433</u>
<u>Borio</u> <u>(B₂)</u>	<u>B₂V₁</u>	<u>7.70</u>	<u>7.90</u>	<u>7.90</u>	<u>0.06</u>	<u>0.07</u>	<u>0.07</u>	<u>0.427</u>	<u>0.421</u>	<u>0.417</u>
	<u>B₂V₂</u>	<u>6.28</u>	<u>7.31</u>	<u>7.49</u>	<u>0.10</u>	<u>0.10</u>	<u>0.11</u>	<u>0.483</u>	<u>0.477</u>	<u>0.471</u>
	<u>B₂V₃</u>	<u>6.30</u>	<u>6.90</u>	<u>6.90</u>	<u>0.02</u>	<u>0.05</u>	<u>0.05</u>	<u>0.416</u>	<u>0.409</u>	<u>0.406</u>
<u>Taljhari</u> <u>(B₃)</u>	<u>B₃V₁</u>	<u>6.60</u>	<u>6.80</u>	<u>6.80</u>	<u>0.07</u>	<u>0.09</u>	<u>0.08</u>	<u>0.458</u>	<u>0.453</u>	<u>0.347</u>
	<u>B₃V₂</u>	<u>6.35</u>	<u>6.55</u>	<u>6.62</u>	<u>0.41</u>	<u>0.39</u>	<u>0.38</u>	<u>0.438</u>	<u>0.434</u>	<u>0.428</u>
	<u>B₃V₃</u>	<u>6.46</u>	<u>6.67</u>	<u>6.73</u>	<u>0.34</u>	<u>0.29</u>	<u>0.27</u>	<u>0.441</u>	<u>0.433</u>	<u>0.430</u>

<u>F- test</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>S.Em. (±)</u>	<u>0.110214</u>	<u>0.903</u>	<u>0.671</u>	<u>0.903</u>	<u>0.671</u>	<u>0.717</u>	<u>0.717</u>	<u>0.903</u>	<u>0.671</u>
<u>C. D. (P =0.05)</u>	<u>2.684</u>	<u>1.996</u>	<u>2.131</u>	<u>2.684</u>	<u>1.996</u>	<u>2.131</u>	<u>2.131</u>	<u>2.684</u>	<u>1.996</u>

Available Nitrogen (kg ha^{-1}):

Table 3 and fig. 3 depicts the maximum value of nitrogen is found in soil of Lilatanr (B_2V_1) is 407.80, 397.30 and 294.20 kg ha^{-1} respectively with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm and minimum value in soil of Brindaban (B_3V_1), Gutibara (B_3V_3) and Gutibara (B_3V_3) is 223.78, 214.52 and 208.97 kg ha^{-1} with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively. You need to discuss!!!!!!

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Available phosphorus (kg ha^{-1}):

Table 3 and fig. 3 depicts the maximum value of phosphorus is found in soil of Makhmalpur (B_1V_3) is 43.79, 39.37 and 38.68 kg ha^{-1} with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively and minimum value in soil of Kodarjana (B_1V_1), Rampur (B_3V_2) and Jetkumarjori (B_2V_2) is 21.45, 21.03 and 23.20 kg ha^{-1} 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively. You need to discuss!!!!!!

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Table 3: Available nitrogen, available phosphorus and available potassium of soil at different depth.

<u>Name of Village and Farmer's Field</u>		<u>Available Nitrogen (kg h^{-1})</u>			<u>Available phosphorus (kg h^{-1})</u>			<u>Available Potassium (kg h^{-1})</u>		
		<u>0-15 cm</u>	<u>15-30 cm</u>	<u>30-45 cm</u>	<u>0-15 cm</u>	<u>15-30 cm</u>	<u>30-45 cm</u>	<u>0-15 cm</u>	<u>15-30 cm</u>	<u>30-45 cm</u>
Sahibganj (B1)	<u>B₁V₁</u>	<u>309.64</u>	<u>297.13</u>	<u>292.46</u>	<u>21.45</u>	<u>23.62</u>	<u>27.73</u>	<u>229.16</u>	<u>247.45</u>	<u>243.57</u>
	<u>B₁V₂</u>	<u>286.26</u>	<u>277.83</u>	<u>275.27</u>	<u>39.32</u>	<u>35.83</u>	<u>34.37</u>	<u>245.47</u>	<u>239.63</u>	<u>235.45</u>
	<u>B₁V₃</u>	<u>313.73</u>	<u>308.28</u>	<u>303.82</u>	<u>43.79</u>	<u>39.37</u>	<u>38.68</u>	<u>271.77</u>	<u>267.12</u>	<u>266.23</u>
Borio (B2)	<u>B₂V₁</u>	<u>407.80</u>	<u>397.30</u>	<u>394.20</u>	<u>31.62</u>	<u>37.37</u>	<u>35.36</u>	<u>246.89</u>	<u>239.85</u>	<u>237.27</u>
	<u>B₂V₂</u>	<u>376.38</u>	<u>369.82</u>	<u>362.03</u>	<u>26.70</u>	<u>23.39</u>	<u>23.20</u>	<u>263.52</u>	<u>271.84</u>	<u>235.56</u>
	<u>B₂V₃</u>	<u>398.39</u>	<u>387.08</u>	<u>384.26</u>	<u>38.27</u>	<u>35.39</u>	<u>34.32</u>	<u>277.45</u>	<u>265.78</u>	<u>259.37</u>
Taljhari (B3)	<u>B₃V₁</u>	<u>241.86</u>	<u>238.54</u>	<u>236.76</u>	<u>35.76</u>	<u>32.73</u>	<u>31.27</u>	<u>219.78</u>	<u>214.74</u>	<u>209.75</u>
	<u>B₃V₂</u>	<u>254.85</u>	<u>249.74</u>	<u>246.85</u>	<u>24.37</u>	<u>21.03</u>	<u>23.87</u>	<u>226.85</u>	<u>219.42</u>	<u>214.86</u>
	<u>B₃V₃</u>	<u>223.78</u>	<u>214.52</u>	<u>208.97</u>	<u>31.17</u>	<u>28.84</u>	<u>26.28</u>	<u>186.12</u>	<u>179.45</u>	<u>176.34</u>
<u>F- test</u>		<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>S.Em. (±)</u>		<u>3.130899</u>	<u>0.903</u>	<u>0.671</u>	<u>0.717</u>	<u>0.903</u>	<u>0.671</u>	<u>0.717</u>	<u>0.903</u>	<u>0.671</u>
<u>C. D. (P =0.05)</u>		<u>9.302378</u>	<u>2.684</u>	<u>1.996</u>	<u>2.131</u>	<u>2.684</u>	<u>1.996</u>	<u>2.131</u>	<u>2.684</u>	<u>1.996</u>

Available Potassium (kg ha^{-1}):

Table 3 ~~and fig. 3~~ depicts the maximum value of potassium is recorded in soil of Pathlahra (B_2V_3) Jetkumarjori (B_2V_2) Makhmalpur (B_1V_3) is 277.45, 271.84 and 266.23 kg ha^{-1} with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm and minimum value in soil of Kodarjana (B_1V_1) Gutibaram (B_3V_3) Gutibara (B_3V_3) is 186.12, 179.45 and 176.34 kg ha^{-1} with depth 0-15, 15-30 and 30-45 cm respectively. You need to discuss!!!!!!

Conclusion

It is concluded that the soils from the Sahibganj, Borio and Taljhari blocks of Sahibganj district texture ~~displayed was found~~ clay loam, silty clay and sandy clay loam. Bulk density, ~~p~~Particle density, percentage ~~p~~Pore ~~s~~Space and water holding capacity were found to be suitable for ~~the~~ crop production. The pH was found slightly acidic to saline in nature and the percent organic carbon and ~~a~~Available ~~n~~Nitrogen is high in Kodarjana, Phosphorus was highest in Makhmalpur and Potassium is high in Pathlahra. Fertilizer doses should be applied as per Soil Test Crop Response to prevent yield losses due to deficiency of nutrients. ~~Therefore, experience gained through this study in future to help the farmers regarding the quality high yield production and maintain better soil health.~~

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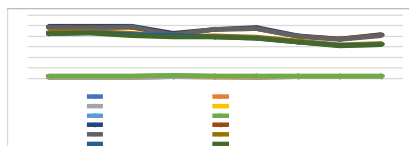
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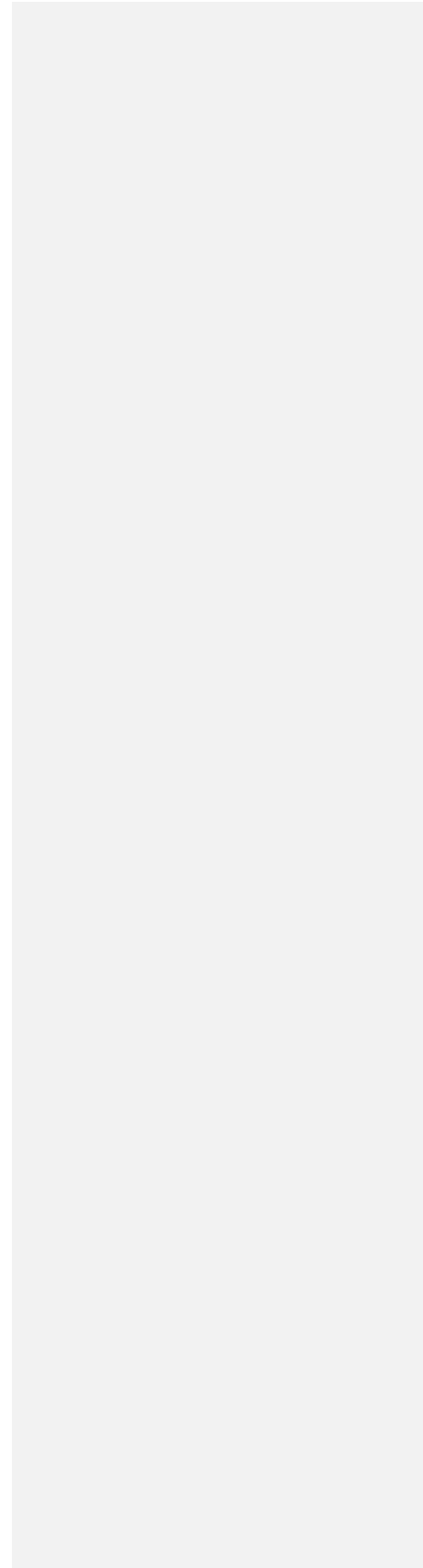
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