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Journal Name:	International Journal of Plant & Soil Science
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Title of the Manuscript:	Assessment of Physical and Chemical Properties of Continuously Cultivated Rice-Fallow and Uncultivated Soils of Nalbari District, Assam
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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"> Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Importance: They evaluated the physical and chemical properties of soils due to long-term continuous cultivation of rice under a rice–fallow system and that was compared with adjacent uncultivated soils. Title: Long and preferred to be modified into “Physicochemical of Long-term Rice-Fallow Cultivation and Uncultivated Soils of Nalbari, Assam”. Abstract: Notice the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an opening statement of one or two short sentences as a background on the problem. • Consider adding the P-value for the significant results. • Some abbreviations were introduced without illustrating their full names on their first appearance. • Many modifications were suggested to enhance the readability and understanding of the text. Structure of the manuscript: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keywords: Rearrange in alphabetical order as suggested. • Introduction: Clear, comprehensible, informative, and properly displayed in three paragraphs. Many modifications were suggested to enhance the readability and understanding of the text. • The aim: Clear to a certain extent. Some modifications were suggested to enhance the readability and understanding of the text. • Materials and methods: Notice the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the institutional ethical approval for the study. • Provide a reference for the used software and the statistical model used in the statistical analysis. • Many modifications were suggested to enhance the readability and understanding of the text. • Results: Clear to a greater extent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the illustration of too many numerical values in the results section as they have been listed in the tables and instead, you can express them in your language. • Consider adding the P-value for the significant results in the text. • Some abbreviations were introduced without illustrating their full names on their first appearance. • Many modifications were suggested to enhance the readability and understanding of the text. • Discussion: Clear to a greater extent with moderate speculation and comparison. Some modifications were suggested to enhance the readability and understanding of the text. • Conclusion: Clear. A few modifications were suggested to enhance the readability and understanding of the text. • Tables: Well presented and organized. A few modifications were suggested to enhance the readability and understanding of the text • Figures: Well presented and organized. Scientific Soundness: Although the old study (Seven years ago and the authors did not list the impact of the change in the macroclimate on their results), the manuscript discussed the impact of continuous cultivation of crops without adopting proper management practices. References: MUST BE UPDATED as only 5.3% (1 out of 19) of the listed references were published in the past five years. The percentage has to increase to at least 35-40%. Old and un-updated references negatively impact the study and indicate that the study is no longer a point of interest. 	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>General view: The manuscript was expressed in moderate English and grammar. Professional copyediting, proofreading, and a references update have to be carried out before resubmission to achieve publishing value.</p>	
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PART 2:

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