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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
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Title of the Manuscript:	Physicochemical characteristics of soils under different cropping systems in Kashmir Himalayas
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript significantly contributes to the scientific community by providing valuable insights into the impact of different cropping systems on soil physicochemical properties in the unique and sensitive ecosystem of the Kashmir Himalayas. The findings will be crucial for developing sustainable agricultural practices in the region, optimizing crop yields, and mitigating environmental degradation. The research will be of interest to soil scientists, agricultural researchers, environmental scientists, and policymakers involved in sustainable land management and agricultural development in mountainous regions.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes, the title of the article is suitable.	
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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	Yes, the references are sufficient and recent.	

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