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Title of the Manuscript:	EFFECT OF COMBINATION OF SOIL IMPROVERS AND FERTILIZER N, P, K ON C-ORGANIC, N-TOTAL, N-UPTAKE, AND YIELD OF FIELD RICE (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.) IN INCEPTISOLS FROM JATINANGOR
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PART 1: Review Comments

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<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>a) Strengthen the introduction's explanation of soil improvers.</p> <p>b) Emphasize the significance of enhancing the adsorption of exchangeable cations.</p> <p>c) Reinforce the final part of the introduction by emphasizing the different ways to improve the conditions of Inceptisols. Avoid introducing research methodology in this section. The introduction should end with a clear reinforcement of the importance of soil reinforcement.</p> <p>d) Although the text closes with a brief description of the research objectives, the scope and research question to be resolved are yet to be determined.</p> <p>e) To reinforce the methodology, a table showing the doses of the improver and the combined treatments could be added.</p> <p>f) The methodology is currently too general and needs to be more specific and segmented. Make the statistical analysis explicit to demonstrate the significance of the results.</p> <p>g) Additionally, include the results of the soil statistical test analysis with total N and N-uptake by rice plants.</p> <p>h) It is recommended to provide a thorough discussion of the reasons for the results, rather than simply commenting on them. This will help to explain why these results are occurring.</p> <p>i) The conclusions are inadequate. The global results should be discussed in more detail.</p>	

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