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Title of the Manuscript:	Assessing the Productivity of Forage Based Cropping System under Different Farming Practices in the Western Himalayan Region
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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> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>The experiment compares different farming practices and cropping systems, revealing the benefits of integrated approaches like organic amendments and biofertilizers. The findings support sustainable intensification of forage production, affecting policy and food security in Himachal Pradesh and other agro-ecological regions. The study provides practical recommendations for transitioning to sustainable farming systems.</p> <p>The title is appropriate and effectively communicates the key focus of the study.</p> <p>The reviewer suggests that using acronyms or abbreviations in the abstract without defining them first is inappropriate and should be avoided. It is recommend writing them out when they first appear in the abstract, and defining other shortened forms on their first usage. This will improve the readability and accessibility of the informative abstract.</p> <p>For sectioning: Introduction - the literature review could potentially be expanded with a few more region-specific citations about sustainability issues in Himalayan forage agriculture. Any statistics demonstrating long-term yield stagnation or soil nutrient imbalances would additionally strengthen motivation. However, these suggestions are optional when page number is limited by the journal.</p> <p>Materials and Methods: 3 suggestions to improve the Materials and Methods section:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add a sentence mentioning the key soil nutrient analysis parameters like organic carbon, NPK levels that were tested at baseline before applying experimental treatments. 2. Include the number of replicates and plants sampled for collecting observational or productivity data for robust statistical analysis. 3. Provide more specifics on data collection - for example, citing that green fodder yield per hectare was recorded by harvesting sample plots of x m² area from each subplot at the flowering stage of the oats. <p>YES</p> <p>Add references as suggested above. There are minor issues on citations and references found the text file.</p> <p>See suggestions and comments on the text file.</p>	
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