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PART1:ReviewComments

	Reviewer'scomment	Author'scomment (ifagreedwithreviewer,correct themanuscriptandhighlightthatpartinthe manuscript.Itis mandatorythatauthorsshouldwrite his/herfeedbackhere)
Compulsory REVISIONcomments		
1. Isthemanuscript important forscientific community? (Please writefewsentenceson thismanuscript)	Yes,itis. Itis statedinthe“Introduction”asfollows: “Themultipurposetreeshelpin the improvementofsoilandecosystemserves.Treeswithdeep rootingsystemcanimprovegroundwaterqualitybyservingasa ‘safenet’wherebyexcess nutrientsathavebeenleachedbelowtherootingzoneofagronomiccropsaretaken-upbytree roots.....andso on”	
2. Isthetitleofthearticlesuitable? (Ifnotpleasesuggest analternativetitle)	Yes,butwith anote. Suggestion: The article title istoolong (morethan15words). It'sbest toshortenthetitle, forexample: “Effect of Different Multipurpose TreeSpeciesonPhysico- Chemical Properties ofLoamy Sand Soil” or “Effect of Different MTSSonthePhysico-Chemical Properties of LoamySandSoil Under RainfedConditions”	

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<p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p>	<p>Yes, but with a note.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Abstract is a single unit and is explained comprehensively. In the abstract there is no need to divide it into sub-sections. Suggestion, the following words should be deleted, namely: "Aims:", "Study design:", "Place and Duration of Study:", "Methodology:", "Results:", and "Conclusion:". 2. Please, check again the use of upper and lower case letters in keywords. 	
<p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Yes, but with a note.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is better in the "Introduction" to present the problem statement and research objectives. 2. The presentation of "Materials and Methods" is very simple. It would be better to add some literature review that supports the research in this article. 3. The position of the tables would be better to place in the "Results and Discussion" section. This will make it easier for readers to understand the analysis. 	
<p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p>	<p>Yes, it is.</p> <p>The research results come from the experiments conducted. It is stated in the abstract as follows: "An experiment consisting of six years old Agroforestry tree plantation which consisted of five multipurpose tree species (MPTs) viz., Tectona grandis, Eucalyptus camaldulensis, Gmelina arborea, Casuarina equisetifolia and Melia azadirachta were designed in CRD with four replications. The experiment consisting of 96 trees per species with a plot size of 24m x 16m under 4m x 4m tree spacing."</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>Using a reference for the last ten years, the percentage is very small, 34% (at least 70%).</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes, it is.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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