

**Review Form 3**

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Journal of Scientific Research and Reports</a>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JSRR_123763</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>A review on contribution of organic farming practices to soil structure and crop performance</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Review Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	<b>Author's Feedback</b> (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	As we embark on improving the soil health it prudent that organic farming plays a pivotal role in this, therefore encouraging the use of organics for crop production is important as the they provide nutrients important for crop growth, increasing carbon sequestration and also improve the overall structure of the soil, not forgetting that soil is a habitat. I feel this is an important subject that discussions should continue around, for sustained crop performance thereby increasing food security and improving livelihoods in the continents.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	yes	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	In the abstract you have mentioned the contribution of organic farming to soil structure but haven't mentioned its contribution to crop performance, though you have included it as you discussed the comparison with conventional farming. Maybe carbon sequestration and long-term nutrient availability for crops especially the perennials, nutrient retention and release, micronutrients availability and overall microbial habitation in the soil are issues which are paramount in organic farming.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	This section "Differences Between Organic and Conventional Farming Systems" seems misplaced it should be in the same section as "comparison of Organic Tillage Practices vs. Conventional Tillage". The subsection of "Organic Farming Practices and Their Influence on Soil Structure" needs to be rearranged. Earthworms and micro-organisms fall under soil macro and micro fauna. And then have everything on soil structure like you've done though you should do a one sentence introduction on the specific structural attributes you have looked at i.e porosity... this section "Impact of Earthworms on Soil Structure and Nutrient Cycling" is also misplaced.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	I feel the limitation can be counteracted for example the slow release of nutrients from the organics can be off set by early application and incorporation of the organics in the soil. Is it prudent for the authors to include this since I presume the authors are advocates of organic farming.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	References aren't sufficient and some of the citations are old. The authors should strive to include as much citations as possible to make the publication authentic.	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments  Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Yes.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	I feel the authors should re arrange the subsections. Generally, check the flow of the subsections and see how they fit into each other and create a flow and this will make it easier for the reader who doesn't have a background in soil to understand.	

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**PART 2:**

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

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