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Journal Name:	International Journal of Plant & Soil Science
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Title of the Manuscript:	Abundance and diversity of soil arthropods in major plantation crops under different farming practices
Type of the Article	Original research paper

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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION 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. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	Given the growing concerns about the impacts of modern farming on biodiversity and soil health, I find this manuscript suitable for publication as it provides valuable insights into how various agricultural practices influence soil health and ecosystem functioning. It contributes to the understanding of soil arthropod dynamics within different farming practices, which is crucial for sustainable agriculture.	
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.	Some sentences came out of nowhere without any linkage like first two sentences that donot even link with each other- 'Agriculture is the main source of greenhouse gas emission. It is therefore vital to understand the role of the agricultural soil communities in maintaining the soil economic value for agriculture.' Also, some data present in the abstract weren't found in the body. But these can be corrected before publication.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes	
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.	The manuscript is scientifically correct and robust by the use of well-established methodologies for assessing soil arthropod abundance and diversity.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :	Citations are lacking in some of the sentences in introduction part. Conventional farming methods, which heavily rely on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, disrupt natural ecosystem processes, further degrading soil quality. The widespread application of pesticides, while beneficial for crop production, has detrimental side effects, killing not only pests but also beneficial insects and other soil invertebrates, leading to environmental imbalances. Likewise, there are some other sentences too which require references. I have commented them in the manuscript.	
Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	It's acceptable but could benefit from further refinement.	
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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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