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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>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.</p>	<p>The manuscript titled "Study of Socio-Economic Profile and Challenges Faced by the Farmers in Practicing Organic Farming in Hamirpur District of Uttar Pradesh" offers valuable insights into the socio-economic conditions of farmers and the challenges they face in adopting organic farming practices. This study is particularly important as it explores a growing sector in agriculture, organic farming, which has potential benefits for sustainable agriculture. The detailed demographic analysis and the challenges outlined could serve as a basis for policymakers and agricultural scientists to improve support mechanisms for farmers transitioning to organic methods.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The manuscript's title, "Study of Socio-Economic Profile and Challenges Faced by Farmers in Practicing Organic Farming in Hamirpur District of Uttar Pradesh," is straightforward, but it may be improved to properly reflect the research emphasis and methods. While the present title emphasizes the socioeconomic profile and issues faced by farmers, it falls short of capturing the study's complexity, particularly the focus on organic farming adoption challenges and recommendations for overcoming them. Furthermore, the headline should be more concise and interesting. You may chose the topic as "Socio-Economic Status and Challenges in Organic Farming Adoption: A Case Study of Farmers in Hamirpur District, Uttar Pradesh" "</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The abstract provides a clear overview of the study's aims, methodology, and key findings. However, it lacks detail regarding the significance of the study and how the challenges identified affect the broader context of organic farming. I suggest adding a statement emphasizing the importance of addressing these challenges to promote sustainable agriculture. Additionally, the methodology section could briefly mention the rationale for choosing the statistical tools used, while the results could include a summary of the most significant challenges identified. The abstract would benefit from a more comprehensive conclusion highlighting the theoretical and managerial contribution of the study in brief in abstract section. .</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The manuscript's subsections and structure require significant improvement. While it follows a basic outline with an introduction, methodology, results, discussion, conclusion, and suggestions, the sections lack depth and clarity. The literature review requires significant improvement to meet academic writing standards. It lacks a clear structure and depth in analyzing key studies relevant to the subject under study. The current manuscript presents a superficial overview without critically engaging with the theoretical frameworks and empirical findings in the field. To enhance its scholarly value, the review should include a more comprehensive synthesis of past research, clearly identify gaps in the literature, and offer a stronger rationale for the study. A major revision is necessary before considering the manuscript for publication. The methodology needs more detailed justification for the chosen sample and statistical methods. The results and discussion sections are overly descriptive and could benefit from stronger analytical insights. Furthermore, the suggestions section should be better integrated with the findings, and the language needs refinement to meet academic writing standards. Major revisions are needed before publication.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The manuscript demonstrates scientific robustness and technical soundness in several key aspects. The use of an ex-post facto research design is appropriate for studying the socio-economic challenges of farmers in organic farming. The sample size of 300 farmers across 12 villages offers strong representation, ensuring the reliability of the findings. Statistical tools such as percentages, means, and frequencies are correctly applied for data analysis. Moreover, the study's comprehensive approach, which combines demographic, economic, and farming practice data, provides a holistic understanding of the subject matter. Overall, the methodology is clearly articulated and supports the research objectives effectively.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. =</p>	<p>The manuscript refers to several past studies but does not provide proper in-text citations or a comprehensive reference list. Ensuring accurate and consistent citation according to the relevant academic style is essential for publication.</p>	

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<p><u>Minor REVISION</u> comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The manuscript requires significant improvements in academic writing style. There are grammatical errors and awkward phrasing in several sections that hinder readability. For instance, sentences like "lack of decision making" could be better articulated as "lack of decision-making ability" or "limited capacity for informed decision-making." A thorough proofreading and restructuring of certain sections would be beneficial.</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>The manuscript requires major revisions before publication. First, the literature review is insufficient, lacking a comprehensive discussion of relevant studies on organic farming and socio-economic challenges, particularly in the Indian context. Second, the explanation of statistical methods is inadequate; a detailed account of the data analysis process, especially the ranking of challenges, is needed. Third, the results section over-relies on descriptive data and lacks deeper analytical insights correlating socio-economic factors with farming challenges. Additionally, the manuscript lacks a theoretical framework to support the analysis and provide structure. Finally, the discussion of solutions is superficial and requires further exploration, including policy implications.</p>	

PART 2:

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