

### Review Form 3

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Journal of Agricultural and Horticultural Research</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJHR_123251
Title of the Manuscript:	EFFECT OF GROWING MEDIA ON GERMINATION AND SEEDLING GROWTH OF FOUR DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF TOMATO ( <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (L.)) IN KHUMALTAR-LALITPUR
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#### PART 1: Review Comments

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<b>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.</b>	The study provides practical insights into the effectiveness of various growing media, especially the use of coco peat and vermicompost, which are eco-friendly and sustainable options. The research is methodologically sound, with clear and reproducible results. Overall, the discussion ties well with the study's objectives and results.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	Yes.	
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<b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b>	Yes. However, it needs some minor revision to omit some sentences in Abstract and Introduction.	
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<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	Yes.	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	Yes, however it needs some minor revisions regarding grammar errors.	
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