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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJSSPN_121340</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Response of Vermicompost and Zinc Application on Yield and Nutrient uptake by Gram (Cicer arietinum)</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Research</b>

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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.	The findings of this study hold practical significance for sustainable agriculture, particularly in areas with comparable soil and climate conditions. By showcasing the advantages of combining organic fertilizers with essential micronutrients, this research provides valuable insights for farmers and agricultural policymakers looking to enhance chickpea cultivation practices. This study makes a significant contribution to agronomy, offering evidence that highlights the role of vermicompost and zinc in boosting the productivity and nutritional quality of chickpea crops.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is generally suitable for the abstract and study you provided, as it effectively highlights the core aspects of the research by focusing on the impact of vermicompost and zinc application on the yield and nutrient uptake in gram (chickpea)	
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.	Yes. The abstract is comprehensive	
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