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Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Journal of Environment &amp; Ecology</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJEE_122253
Title of the Manuscript:	A COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF SOIL BIODIVERSITY AND PHYSICOCHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS IN CONSERVATION AND CONVENTIONAL SMALLHOLDER FARMS IN KENYA.
Type of the Article	Research Article

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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>	By comparing conservation and conventional smallholder farms in Kenya, the study highlights the impact of farming practices on soil health and sustainability. I appreciate the manuscript for its comprehensive approach, as it not only contributes to our understanding of soil ecosystems but also offers practical implications for improving agricultural practices in similar regions. However, the manuscript could benefit from a more detailed analysis of the long-term effects of these practices on soil biodiversity.	
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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>	<b>No, some are missing kindly rectify it.</b>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	Yes	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	the manuscript could be enhanced by including a discussion on the potential implications of the findings for policy-making and long-term agricultural planning. Additionally, further exploration of the socio-economic factors influencing farming practices could provide a more holistic understanding of the challenges faced by smallholder farmers in Kenya.	

#### **PART 2:**

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